

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRESSMAN RALPH REGULA'S 90TH BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th birthday of former Representative, Ralph Regula.

Ralph Strauss Regula was born in Beach City, Ohio, on December 3, 1924. Prior to his election to Congress, Mr. Regula served in the United States Navy, worked as a school teacher and principal in Stark County schools, served on the Ohio State Board of Education and was a member in both the Ohio State House and State Senate. In 1973, Mr. Regula was elected to Congress and served 18 consecutive terms, until his retirement in 2009.

During his tenure in Congress, Mr. Regula served as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, where he worked across party lines to improve educational opportunities, workforce training programs and healthcare. He was a passionate advocate for research and the advancement of science.

Congressman Regula billed himself a "regular" guy. He was the son of a dairy farmer and part of a high school graduating class of only 25, where he developed a strong work ethic and love of community. Ralph loved serving here because he cared about people and helping improve their quality of life. In this House he was a pragmatic leader willing to find solutions to tough problems.

I have personally known Ralph for over three decades and have many fond memories meeting with him both here and in Ohio as my Congressman. Like many others I have learned so much from Congressman Regula over the years. To that I say, Thank you!

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great life and career of Mr. Ralph Regula, wishing him a very happy 90th birthday.

ISRAEL AT THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw your attention to a speech given last week by Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Ron Prosor. Ambassador Prosor spoke passionately before the U.N. General Assembly about the U.N.'s persistent anti-Israel agenda, which continues to manifest itself in many forms such as special sessions, formal inquiries, and one-sided resolutions that single out Israel. I am proud of my steadfast support for the State of Israel and will continue my work to combat the U.N.'s bias against our

greatest ally. I found Ambassador Prosor's words enlightening, and applaud him for speaking the truth. I would now like to submit Ambassador Prosor's speech.

AMBASSADOR RON PROSOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 24, 2014

AMBASSADOR RON PROSOR

"Mr. President,

I stand before the world as a proud representative of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. I stand tall before you knowing that truth and morality are on my side. And yet, I stand here knowing that today in this Assembly, truth will be turned on its head and morality cast aside.

The fact of the matter is that when members of the international community speak about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a fog descends to cloud all logic and moral clarity. The result isn't realpolitik, it's surrealpolitik.

The world's unrelenting focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an injustice to tens of millions of victims of tyranny and terrorism in the Middle East. As we speak, Yazidis, Bahai, Kurds, Christians and Muslims are being executed and expelled by radical extremists at a rate of 1,000 people per month.

How many resolutions did you pass last week to address this crisis? And how many special sessions did you call for? The answer is zero. What does this say about international concern for human life? Not much, but it speaks volumes about the hypocrisy of the international community.

I stand before you to speak the truth. Of the 300 million Arabs in the Middle East and North Africa, less than half a percent are truly free—and they are all citizens of Israel.

Israeli Arabs are some of the most educated Arabs in the world. They are our leading physicians and surgeons, they are elected to our parliament, and they serve as judges on our Supreme Court. Millions of men and women in the Middle East would welcome these opportunities and freedoms.

Nonetheless, nation after nation, will stand at this podium today and criticize Israel—the small island of democracy in a region plagued by tyranny and oppression.

Mr. President,

Our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state. It has always been about the existence of the Jewish state.

Sixty seven years ago this week, on November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition the land into a Jewish state and an Arab state. Simple. The Jews said yes. The Arabs said no. But they didn't just say no. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon launched a war of annihilation against our newborn state.

This is the historical truth that the Arabs are trying to distort. The Arabs' historic mistake continues to be felt—in lives lost in war, lives lost to terrorism, and lives scarred by the Arabs' narrow political interests.

According to the United Nations, about 700,000 Palestinians were displaced in the war initiated by the Arabs themselves. At the same time, some 850,000 Jews were forced to flee from Arab countries.

Why is it, that 67 years later, the displacement of the Jews has been completely forgotten by this institution while the displace-

ment of the Palestinians is the subject of an annual debate?

The difference is that Israel did its utmost to integrate the Jewish refugees into society. The Arabs did just the opposite.

The worst oppression of the Palestinian people takes place in Arab nations. In most of the Arab world, Palestinians are denied citizenship and are aggressively discriminated against. They are barred from owning land and prevented from entering certain professions.

And yet none—not one—of these crimes are mentioned in the resolutions before you.

If you were truly concerned about the plight of the Palestinian people there would be one, just one, resolution to address the thousands of Palestinians killed in Syria. And if you were so truly concerned about the Palestinians there would be at least one resolution to denounce the treatment of Palestinians in Lebanese refugee camps.

But there isn't. The reason is that today's debate is not about speaking for peace or speaking for the Palestinian people—it is about speaking against Israel. It is nothing but a hate and bashing festival against Israel.

Mr. President,

The European nations claim to stand for Libert ,  galit , Fraternit —freedom, equality, and brotherhood—but nothing could be farther from the truth.

I often hear European leaders proclaim that Israel has the right to exist in secure borders. That's very nice. But I have to say—it makes about as much sense as me standing here and proclaiming Sweden's right to exist in secure borders.

When it comes to matters of security, Israel learned the hard way that we cannot rely on others—certainly not Europe.

In 1973, on Yom Kippur—the holiest day on the Jewish calendar—the surrounding Arab nations launched an attack against Israel. In the hours before the war began, Golda Meir, our Prime Minister then, made the difficult decision not to launch a preemptive strike. The Israeli Government understood that if we launched a preemptive strike, we would lose the support of the international community.

As the Arab armies advanced on every front, the situation in Israel grew dire. Our casualty count was growing and we were running dangerously low on weapons and ammunition. In this, our hour of need, President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, agreed to send Galaxy planes loaded with tanks and ammunition to resupply our troops. The only problem was that the Galaxy planes needed to refuel on route to Israel.

The Arab States were closing in and our very existence was threatened—and yet, Europe was not even willing to let the planes refuel. The U.S. stepped in once again and negotiated that the planes be allowed to refuel in the Azores. The government and people of Israel will never forget that when our very existence was at stake, only one country came to our aid—the United States of America.

Israel is tired of hollow promises from European leaders. The Jewish people have a long memory. We will never ever forget that you failed us in the 1940s. You failed us in 1973. And you are failing us again today.

Every European parliament that voted to prematurely and unilaterally recognize a

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Palestinian state is giving the Palestinians exactly what they want—statehood without peace. By handing them a state on a silver platter, you are rewarding unilateral actions and taking away any incentive for the Palestinians to negotiate or compromise or renounce violence. You are sending the message that the Palestinian Authority can sit in a government with terrorists and incite violence against Israel without paying any price.

The first E.U. member to officially recognize a Palestinian state was Sweden. One has to wonder why the Swedish Government was so anxious to take this step. When it comes to other conflicts in our region, the Swedish Government calls for direct negotiations between the parties—but for the Palestinians, surprise, surprise, they roll out the red carpet.

State Secretary Söder may think she is here to celebrate her government's so-called historic recognition, when in reality it's nothing more than a historic mistake.

The Swedish Government may host the Nobel Prize ceremony, but there is nothing noble about their cynical political campaign to appease the Arabs in order to get a seat on the Security Council. Nations on the Security Council should have sense, sensitivity, and sensibility. Well, the Swedish Government has shown no sense, no sensitivity and no sensibility. Just nonsense.

Israel learned the hard way that listening to the international community can bring about devastating consequences. In 2005, we unilaterally dismantled every settlement and removed every citizen from the Gaza Strip. Did this bring us any closer to peace? Not at all. It paved the way for Iran to send its terrorist proxies to establish a terror stronghold on our doorstep.

I can assure you that we won't make the same mistake again. When it comes to our security, we cannot and will not rely on others—Israel must be able to defend itself by itself.

Mr. President,

The State of Israel is the land of our forefathers—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is the land where Moses led the Jewish people, where David built his palace, where Solomon built the Jewish Temple, and where Isaiah saw a vision of eternal peace.

For thousands of years, Jews have lived continuously in the land of Israel. We endured through the rise and fall of the Assyrian, Babylonian, Greek and Roman Empires. And we endured through thousands of years of persecution, expulsions and crusades. The bond between the Jewish people and the Jewish land is unbreakable.

Nothing can change one simple truth—Israel is our home and Jerusalem is our eternal capital.

At the same time, we recognize that Jerusalem has special meaning for other faiths. Under Israeli sovereignty, all people—and I will repeat that, all people—regardless of religion and nationality can visit the city's holy sites. And we intend to keep it this way. The only ones trying to change the status quo on the Temple Mount are Palestinian leaders. President Abbas is telling his people that Jews are contaminating the Temple Mount. He has called for days of rage and urged Palestinians to prevent Jews from visiting the Temple Mount using (quote) “all means” necessary. These words are as irresponsible as they are unacceptable.

You don't have to be Catholic to visit the Vatican, you don't have to be Jewish to visit the Western Wall, but some Palestinians would like to see the day when only Muslims can visit the Temple Mount.

You, the international community, are lending a hand to extremists and fanatics. You, who preach tolerance and religious free-

dom, should be ashamed. Israel will never let this happen. We will make sure that the holy places remain open to all people of all faiths for all time.

Mr. President,

No one wants peace more than Israel. No one needs to explain the importance of peace to parents who have sent their child to defend our homeland. No one knows the stakes of success or failure better than we Israelis do. The people of Israel have shed too many tears and buried too many sons and daughters.

We are ready for peace, but we are not naïve. Israel's security is paramount. Only a strong and secure Israel can achieve a comprehensive peace.

The past month should make it clear to anyone that Israel has immediate and pressing security needs. In recent weeks, Palestinian terrorists have shot and stabbed our citizens and twice driven their cars into crowds of pedestrians. Just a few days ago, terrorists armed with axes and a gun savagely attacked Jewish worshipers during morning prayers. We have reached the point when Israelis can't even find sanctuary from terrorism in the sanctuary of a synagogue.

These attacks didn't emerge out of a vacuum. They are the results of years of indoctrination and incitement. A Jewish proverb teaches: “The instruments of both death and life are in the power of the tongue.”

As a Jew and as an Israeli, I know with utter certainty that when our enemies say they want to attack us, they mean it.

Hamas's genocidal charter calls for the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews worldwide. For years, Hamas and other terrorist groups have sent suicide bombers into our cities, launched rockets into our towns, and sent terrorists to kidnap and murder our citizens.

And what about the Palestinian Authority? It is leading a systemic campaign of incitement. In schools, children are being taught that ‘Palestine’ will stretch from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. In mosques, religious leaders are spreading vicious libels accusing Jews of destroying Muslim holy sites. In sports stadiums, teams are named after terrorists. And in newspapers, cartoons urge Palestinians to commit terror attacks against Israelis.

Children in most of the world grow up watching cartoons of Mickey Mouse singing and dancing. Palestinian children also grow up watching Mickey Mouse, but on Palestinians national television, a twisted figure dressed as Mickey Mouse dances in an explosive belt and chants “Death to America and death to the Jews.”

I challenge you to stand up here today and do something constructive for a change. Publically denounce the violence, denounce the incitement, and denounce the culture of hate.

Most people believe that at its core, the conflict is a battle between Jews and Arabs or Israelis and Palestinians. They are wrong. The battle that we are witnessing is a battle between those who sanctify life and those who celebrate death.

Following the savage attack in a Jerusalem synagogue, celebrations erupted in Palestinian towns and villages. People were dancing in the street and distributing candy. Young men posed with axes, loudspeakers at mosques called out congratulations, and the terrorists were hailed as “martyrs” and “heroes.”

This isn't the first time that we saw the Palestinians celebrate the murder of innocent civilians. We saw them rejoice after every terrorist attack on Israeli civilians and they even took to the streets to celebrate the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center right here in New York City.

Imagine the type of state this society would produce. Does the Middle East really need another terror-ocracy? Some members of the international community are aiding and abetting its creation.

Mr. President,

As we came into the United Nations, we passed the flags of all 193 member States. If you take the time to count, you will discover that there are 15 flags with a crescent and 25 flags with a cross. And then there is one flag with a Jewish Star of David. Amidst all the nations of the world there is one state—just one small nation state for the Jewish people. And for some people, that is one too many.

As I stand before you today I am reminded of all the years when Jewish people paid for the world's ignorance and indifference in blood. Those days are no more.

We will never apologize for being a free and independent people in our sovereign state. And we will never apologize for defending ourselves.

To the nations that continue to allow prejudice to prevail over truth, I say “J'accuse.”

I accuse you of hypocrisy. I accuse you of duplicity.

I accuse you of lending legitimacy to those who seek to destroy our State.

I accuse you of speaking about Israel's right of self-defense in theory, but denying it in practice.

And I accuse you of demanding concessions from Israel, but asking nothing of the Palestinians.

In the face of these offenses, the verdict is clear. You are not for peace and you are not for the Palestinian people. You are simply against Israel.

Members of the international community have a choice to make.

You can recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people, or permit the Palestinian leadership to deny our history without consequence.

You can publically proclaim that the so-called ‘claim of return’ is a non-starter, or you can allow this claim to remain the major obstacle to any peace agreement.

You can work to end Palestinian incitement, or stand by as hatred and extremism take root for generations to come.

You can prematurely recognize a Palestinian state, or you can encourage the Palestinian Authority to break its pact with Hamas and return to direct negotiations.

The choice is yours. You can continue to steer the Palestinians off course or pave the way to real and lasting peace.

Thank you, Mr. President.”

TRIBUTE TO THE KENTUCKY COMMUNITIES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL (KCEOC) COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Kentucky Communities Economic Opportunity Council (KCEOC)—Community Action Partnership in celebration of the agency's 50th anniversary of service to the people of southeastern Kentucky.

As one of the first 23 agencies established in 1964 to address poverty, KCEOC has raised the bar high, going above and beyond the call of duty to provide greater opportunities for those in need. Thanks to a group of local citizens who applied for a competitive grant

opportunity five decades ago, this organization has flourished into the multi-million dollar service agency that it is today.

KCEOC has inspired people across our region to put compassion for our neighbors into action. Through its programs and innovative responses to dire needs in our impoverished communities, more families today have access to child development programs, food resources, affordable housing, and assistance with financial needs than ever before. This agency has also been a critical partner for economic development, from recruiting jobs to providing the infrastructure for new businesses. The employees of KCEOC serve as great ambassadors for eastern Kentucky, proving that we have a strong, dedicated workforce and an intricate support community that believes in helping one another succeed.

Through the vision of leaders like Paul Dole, this agency has turned community losses into gains. One of the greatest examples of those efforts was the transformation of the old asbestos-plagued Corbin Hospital into clean, state-of-the-art housing for senior citizens.

Winston Churchill once said that a pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. That's what KCEOC works to convey every single day by providing a hand-up, rather than a hand out. They provide hope in an otherwise dark hour for many families and I can't thank this agency enough for its efforts day-in and day-out, letting our neighbors know that someone cares.

KCEOC has forged important partnerships with local schools, employers and other community organizations to capitalize on the resources that are abundant in our communities. Together, we have made great strides in southeastern Kentucky, but we certainly wouldn't be where we are today without the foundation that KCEOC has carefully crafted for thousands of families in our region.

In celebration of this 50th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the work of the KCEOC Community Action Partnership in southeastern Kentucky.

7TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the Gary Chamber of Commerce as the organization celebrates the 7th annual Lakeshore Classic basketball tournament. In honor of this occasion, the Gary Chamber of Commerce hosted a celebratory event in Gary, Indiana, which included a corporate luncheon held at the Majestic Star Casino on Tuesday, November 25, and a basketball tournament at West Side High School on Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of sports and impressive team players. The theme for this year's Lakeshore Classic is the "Cavalcade of Champions," saluting all of the region's state basketball champions from 1940 to 2014. These exceptional players and coaches have made a mark in the region's notable sporting history and are to be highly

commended. Along with these outstanding basketball teams, the Gary Chamber chose a prominent featured speaker for their corporate luncheon, Mr. Ulysses "Junior" Bridgeman, a former National Basketball Association star and one of the most successful businessmen in the United States. Alongside his extraordinary success, Mr. Bridgeman has also proven to be a great model in transitioning from professional sports to the business industry.

I would like to take this time to honor the region's state basketball champions from 1940 to 2014. These teams have set the standard for sports excellence in our region while creating an inspiring example for the community of Northwest Indiana. The girls basketball teams include East Chicago Roosevelt (1977), East Chicago Roosevelt (1979), Crown Point High School (1984), Crown Point High School (1985), and Lake Central High School (1994). The boys basketball teams include Hammond Technical High School (1940), East Chicago Washington High School (1960), Michigan City Elston High School (1966), Gary Roosevelt High School (1968), East Chicago Roosevelt High School (1970), East Chicago Washington High School (1971), Gary Roosevelt High School (1991), Gary West Side High School (2002), East Chicago Central High School (2007), Thea Bowman Academy (2010), Wheeler High School (2010), and Thea Bowman Academy (2013).

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Gary Chamber of Commerce, the organizers and sponsors of the 7th annual Lakeshore Classic, and the prestigious state champion teams that have been honored. Their noteworthy commitment, leadership, and contributions have inspired generations to come.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER CARSWELL

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor Christopher Carswell, an inspirational young man who has faced numerous medical struggles with grace and poise and has used his experiences as motivation to start his own non-profit organization, 1Boy4Change, when he was only 13 years old. Today, he is 16 and has a story that we all could learn a lesson from.

Throughout his decade and a half of life, Chris has suffered a tonsil adenoid surgery that resulted in the need for a feeding tube, multiple hand reconstructive surgeries, as well as a connective tissue disorder that put him in a wheelchair for a time. Then, he started having seizures that put him into respiratory/cardiac arrest as well as a stroke which robbed him of the right half of his field of vision. But through this long list of challenges, Chris has remained an upbeat person and has dedicated himself to the service of others.

In 2010, Chris was matched up with Bronx, a service dog who became his constant companion, ensuring he would never face what life threw at him alone. Shortly after that, he started 1Boy4Change, with the mission of raising awareness and providing support for individ-

uals and families with disabilities. In the early days of the organization, Chris helped match up 70 service dogs to veterans and children.

Since then, he has expanded his mission to support others who have also chosen to live a life of service: our soldiers and police officers. In that capacity, Chris has started programs meant to help out K9 units by providing them comprehensive first aid kits as well as car heat alarms that can save the lives of dogs that are left in patrol cars.

Chris is to undergo brain surgery in January, and his doctors are hopeful that the procedure will stop his seizures. I hope all of my colleagues in the House will join with me as we wish Chris a successful operation and a speedy recovery so he can come back and continue the good work he's doing.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF MARTIN LITTON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and work of Martin Litton, a legendary and passionate environmentalist and wilderness preservationist who died on November 30, 2014, at his home in Portola Valley, California. Mr. Litton was born in Los Angeles on February 13, 1917, and was 97 years of age when he died of age-related causes.

Martin Litton was introduced early to the joys of the wilderness. He attributed a 12-day trip on Mt. Whitney that he and a friend took as teens as the inspiration for his lifelong crusade to protect our environment. At age 18 he wrote a letter to the Los Angeles Times urging Californians to save Mono Lake. Martin Litton was best known for his fierce opposition to the destruction of the Colorado River by the construction of dams, often in association with the Sierra Club. He was one of the first several hundred people to float the river in 1955, and after fourteen years as the travel editor at Sunset Magazine he began running the river often, founding Grand Canyon Dories in 1970 and running commercial trips through the 1970s and 1980s, until he sold the business in 1988. He ran his last trip in 2004 at age 87, rowing his own wooden dory.

Martin Litton was an author, activist, pilot, and a catalyst for change. He was close to major figures in the environmental movement, such as David Brower, Edward Abbey and others. Martin Litton gave generously of his time and considerable talents to the conservation movement as a Director of the Sierra Club from 1964 to 1973, as a member of the Executive Committee of the American Land Conservancy, as an Advisor to the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and on the Honorary Board of Directors of the Glen Canyon Institute.

Martin Litton leaves his wife, Esther, his children John, Kathleen and Helen, as well as five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to Martin Litton's family, and in honoring his extraordinarily productive life. Martin Litton was a soaring figure, larger

than life, with a magnificent voice, a powerful presence, an all-consuming passion for the wilderness, and a passion to preserve and protect the natural beauty of our nation.

HAMAS KILLS AGAIN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "We love death more than the Jews love life." This Hamas propaganda phrase says it all. International outsiders cry "peace, peace," but there can be no peace as long as Hamas refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist. No matter how many times leaders shake hands or how many agreements are signed, peace cannot be achieved if peace is not desired. The only reason Israel exists is because the Jews persist in surviving.

In the morning hours of November 18, a group of Orthodox Jews gathered at a synagogue in Jerusalem to pray. In the middle of their prayers, at 7 a.m., two terrorists wielding guns, axes, and butcher knives attacked them. Odai Abu Jamal and his cousin, Ghassan Abu Jamal, killed 4 rabbis and one police officer and injured 8 others before they were shot by local police. Three of the four rabbis were American citizens.

The men were members of the terrorist group known as the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). While the group itself did not claim responsibility, it was quick to support the attack. Hamas, another terrorist group bent on the destruction of Israel, not only commended the attacks but called for more. Terrorist groups supporting terrorist attacks does not surprise me. But Hamas is not your typical terrorist group. It governs the entire Gaza Strip as a result of the 1.8 million Palestinians there voting them into power. And the reaction from some of the people of Gaza to the attack shows that they share its terrorist government's feelings. In the town of Rafah, the people celebrated by handing out sweets, carrying axes, and holding up posters of the terrorists. The religious elites joined in the celebration as well: loudspeakers at mosques in Gaza called out congratulations. Palestinian radio reports described the attackers as "martyrs". Undoubtedly, the terrorists' family will receive compensation from the government's "terrorist fund", which pays stipends to the families of terrorists who are imprisoned or who died during their attacks.

When an elected government and the people it governs celebrate a brutal terrorist attack, it is a reminder of the challenges Israel faces as it works for peace in the region. For the last six years, this White House has pressured the Israeli government to make concession after concession for peace. The reaction of the people in Gaza to this latest attack should wake the White House up to the unfortunate reality that, no matter how many concessions Israel makes, many Palestinians do not want peace if it means Israel continues to exist. Palestinian acts of terrorism are not just a problem of a couple of lone rats or individual terrorist groups, but they are supported by an entire infrastructure throughout the Palestinian territories that has close ties to the senior Palestinian leadership. Instead of repeatedly

twisting Israel's arm to make peace when peace can't be made, the United States should stand strong with our democratic ally against terrorists. The same attackers that want to destroy Israel also call the United States the Great Satan. They want to kill Americans too, as this latest attack that killed three Americans showed. Our first step should be to cut the funding we give to the Palestinian Authority (PA) until they take specific, verifiable, and significant acts to go after those who commit acts of terrorism. At the very least, the PA needs to stop paying reward money to the families of terrorists. Second, we should make sure that our funding to Israel is strong and robust, focused on ensuring Israel can beat back these terrorists. Finally, we need to stop publicly and privately insulting Israel. Israel is the only liberal democracy in the Middle East and one of our strongest allies in the world.

The right response to a terrorist act is not words of condemnation followed by continued pressure on the victims of terrorism. The right response is recognizing the evil for what it is and countering it with swift justice against the perpetrators and strong support for the victims.

And that's just the way it is.

10TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST INDIANA INNOVATION INDUCTION CEREMONY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and enthusiasm that I congratulate Ivy Tech Community College Northwest and its regional partners, who recently celebrated their 10th Annual Northwest Indiana Innovation Induction Ceremony. At the ceremony, which reflects the "Spirit of Innovation" in Indiana, fifteen individuals and fourteen teams were inducted as members of the 2014–2015 class of The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Of these individuals, several members were inducted as Society Fellows for their significant efforts in innovation. These individuals are Scott Albanese, Robert Coangelo, Robert Palumbo, Ph.D., Neeti Parashar, Ph.D., and Roger Pradhan, Ph.D. William E. Nangle was honored as the Gerald I. Lamkin Fellow for Innovation and Service, a special recognition named for the President Emeritus of Ivy Tech College of Indiana. Also honored were two Chanute Prize recipients, the BP "One Global Team" for the Whiting Refinery Modernization Project and PCL Alverno. In addition, a new team award designated "Accelerating Greatness" was presented for the first time this year, and the recipients were James S. Markiewicz Solar Energy Research Facility, Valparaiso University, and the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority. For their truly remarkable contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and their continuous efforts to cultivate a culture of innovation, these honorees were inducted at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana, on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Northwest with the goal of highlighting and encouraging inno-

vative individuals and groups within the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a "culture of innovation" in Northwest Indiana. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy. Leading the Northwest Region is Dr. Thomas G. Coley, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College North West and North Central Regions.

The fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their significant innovative leadership and the impact of their accomplishments throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond. Scott Albanese, founder and chief executive officer of Albanese Confectionery Group, Incorporated, in Merrillville, launched his business thirty years ago. Today, the company generates over \$100 million in sales and its products can be found nationwide, as well as in nine other countries. In addition, Scott invented the first gummy candy in the world with a distinguishable flavor, which was previously deemed impossible. Robert Coangelo is the founding farmer of Green Sense Farms, which is the nation's largest indoor, commercial, vertical farm and the largest user of Phillips LED grow lights. The organization grows produce in a controlled environment that is free of pesticides, herbicides, and GMO seeds while distributing its products throughout the Midwest. Robert Palumbo, Ph.D., professor and Alfred W. Sieving chair of engineering, inspired the effort to build the nation's fifth solar furnace at the College of Engineering at Valparaiso University, which is utilized by undergrad students to explore new ideas in solar research. Dr. Palumbo is now part of a "pioneering" team at the James S. Markiewicz Solar Energy Research Facility. Neeti Parashar, Ph.D., spearheaded a High Energy Physics Team at Purdue University Calumet as part of a large global collaboration to discover the Higgs-Boson subatomic particle, which gave the Nobel Prize to Peter Higgs of the United Kingdom and Francois Englert of Belgium. Roger Pradhan, Ph.D. played a key role in the development of new carbon steel products for the automotive industry, and he is the leading developer of bake-hardenable steels. Dr. Pradhan received an AISI Gold Medal for his research outlining the implementation of bake-hardenable steels at Burns Harbor, and he currently holds four patents.

I am also honored to acknowledge William E. Nangle, executive editor (ret.), The Times of Northwest Indiana, who was recognized as the Gerald I. Lamkin Fellow for Outstanding Innovation & Service. In his role, Mr. Nangle introduced the "Munster Model," which provided the community with in-depth local and neighborhood news while also covering regional news. This model became a huge success in the journalism industry and is utilized nationwide. In addition, Mr. Nangle brought Indiana's seven largest newspapers together, producing statewide access to public records. Under Mr. Nangle's direction, The Times of Northwest Indiana became a national leader in its industry.

The recipients of the Chanute Prize for Team Innovation should be commended for their contributions. The BP "One Global Team" for the Whiting Refinery Modernization Project utilized a single team concept on a world scale to conduct the largest and most complex refinery construction project in BP

history. PCL Alverno introduced total microbiology automation, which revolutionized the delivery of results to patients and physicians. PCL is the first to be designated as a Seimen's Microbiology Innovation Center in the United States.

The Accelerating Greatness Award for Team Innovation included two recipients. The James S. Markiewicz Solar Energy Research Facility, located at Valparaiso University, houses the fifth solar furnace in the United States and the world's only solar furnace primarily designed, built, and used by undergrad students at an institution of higher learning. The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority is a regional organization that provides nearly \$30 million annually in a proven collaborative model to leverage failing assets into more than \$1 billion in infrastructure and economic development.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding innovators. The contributions they have made to society here in Northwest Indiana and worldwide are immeasurable and lifelong. For their truly brilliant innovative ideas, projects, and leadership, each recipient is worthy of the highest commendation.

HONORING WILLIAM H. "BILL"
DETRICK

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks today to honor William H. "Bill" Detrick, who passed away at the age of 87 on September 19, 2014. Bill Detrick was the long-time coach of the Central Connecticut State University Basketball team, and after that was the coach of Trinity College Golf team coach. He was everything that embodies a passionate, tough, and tenacious coach and person. He taught college sports until the age of 86, which is something that very few can claim.

Throughout his 29 year tenure as the Central Connecticut basketball coach, he won 468 games with two undefeated seasons out of 24 winning seasons. He brought the program to six Division II NCAA tournaments and ushered them into Division I basketball, where they remain today. The standard and foundation set by his legacy at Central Connecticut will continue on for the future of their athletic programs.

As a coach, one must assume the responsibility of developing younger generations of people as students, athletes, and most of all as people. Bill Detrick knew this as well as anyone and was able to impact the lives of each of those he coached even to this day. He instilled the same values in his three children and six grandchildren as he did his players: Hard work and dedication to what you love will always prevail in the end. Always go the extra mile in your endeavors. He preached these kinds of lessons to his children and players in order to prepare them not just for the game, but for their entire lives ahead.

A great example of his attitude in life came from a friend and golf partner of many years, who said that Bill would never ride in a cart, and always insisted on walking. Just a week

before he passed away, he walked nine holes at the age of 87. Always push yourself, even if it is during a game of such relaxation such as golf.

Mr. Detrick is survived by his wife Barbara, three children, and six grandchildren. I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Mr. Detrick during this difficult time. I hope the Holiday season reminds everyone in his life of the joyful memories that he brought, and the importance of enjoying every moment they had together. Let us all remember the values that William Detrick brought to everyone around him, and try to implement them in our everyday lives in order to strive to be the best people we can be.

DR. GUY "MOJO" LEWIS, DDS—
MAKING TEXANS SMILE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when Dr. Guy "Mojo" Lewis walks into a room, everyone knows it. With his larger-than-life stature and the mystic of Texas legend Sam Houston, his commanding presence captures attention. People can't help but smile when they see him, his presence is contagious.

As a personal friend and fellow Abilene Christian University Alum, I would like to congratulate this outstanding Texan for celebrating his 30th anniversary of practicing dentistry.

Dr. Lewis knew from early on that he wanted to be a dentist, never wavering in his decision to make people smile. After graduating from Abilene Christian University ('80), Dr. Lewis earned his Doctorate of Dentistry from Baylor College of Dentistry.

In 1984, he became a founding member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD), at a time when cosmetic dentistry was beginning to emerge. He became the youngest cosmetic dentist to be accredited by the AACD. Additionally, he is also a member of the Texas Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He received a fellowship in the International Academy for Dental Facial Esthetics.

Dr. Lewis continues to give back to the community and takes time to guide aspiring dentists as well. Recognizing the important of education, Dr. Lewis is an adjunct professor of dentistry at Baylor College.

The legend that is Dr. Lewis is known far and wide. His extensive knowledge of cosmetic dentistry and his incredible work ethic quickly gained him respect from his colleagues in the dental profession. Over his career, Dr. Lewis was routinely recognized for his expertise and contributions to the dental community.

His list of credentials could fill a sports arena, literally. He is the dentist of Olympic gold medal athletes, the Houston Astros, the Houston Rockets and many more.

He was named a "Top Doc" for 7 consecutive years by H Texas Magazine and was listed as a "Super Dentist" by Texas Monthly Magazine for multiple years. In addition, Dr. Lewis was elected by a group of his peers to be in the book Best Dentists in America.

In addition to his notable recognition for his work within the dental community, Dr. Lewis

has continued to serve on advisory boards of many non-profit organizations and on the boards of several schools. I served alongside him on the Abilene Christian University Board.

Our community has benefited greatly from the decades of service that Dr. Lewis has devoted. Dr. Lewis and his staff continue to be involved with Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum, Be an Angel Fund, and Give Back a Smile.

The list of this model citizen's accomplishments is impressive and well-deserved, and it's no surprise that he's a Texan.

Dr. Lewis's service to his city, state and nation as well as his faith will have an enduring positive impact.

A dedicated family man, Dr. Lewis has been married to his wife, Holly for 33 years. Together, they are the proud parents of five children. Firm believers in Christian education, Dr. Lewis sent his children to Northland Christian School, the same school that my children attended, and where we both served on the Board of Trustees.

His success can be attributed to his faith, happy attitude about life and his career, and his genuine compassion and care for his patients. Dr. Lewis, thank you for your 30 years of service to our community and the State of Texas.

Another great, Texas legend we are proud to have among our neighbors. To 30 more years of making people smile, thank you Dr. Guy "Mojo" Lewis.

And that's just the way it is.

CELEBRATING THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS' WORLD SERIES WIN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime season ticket holder and proud fan, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2014 World Series Champions, the San Francisco Giants.

On October 29, 2014, our beloved Giants won San Francisco's third championship in five years, defeating the Kansas City Royals in the seventh game of a down-to-the-wire World Series.

The Giants' post-season performance was masterful, a shared victory built on the shoulders of our entire team. The people of San Francisco salute our champions—players, coaches and staff who carried forward the banner of our city to seize the pennant and final victory. With timely hitting and phenomenal pitching, the Giants rose from the Wild Card to reclaim their position as baseball's champions.

In their hard-fought victory, the Giants have once again made us the proudest city in baseball, and given fresh energy to the talk of a rising dynasty on the Bay. Congratulations to all our 'Stronger Together' players, especially the members of the World Series roster: Tim Hudson, Jake Peavy, Ryan Vogelsong, Jeremy Affeldt, Santiago Casilla, Tim Lincecum, Javier López, Yusmeiro Petit, Sergio Romo, Hunter Strickland, Buster Posey, Jean Machi, Andrew Susac, Joaquín Arias, Brandon Belt, Brandon Crawford, Matt Duffy, Joe Panik, Pablo Sandoval, Gregor Blanco, Travis

Ishikawa, Michael Morse, Hunter Pence, Juan Pérez and of course, our latest legend on the pitcher's mound, NLCS and World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner.

Bumgarner's composure and phenomenal pitching silenced the bats of the Kansas City Royals, and vaulted himself into the ranks of the greatest playoff pitchers in history—pitching more innings in a single post-season than anyone in history and securing the lowest World Series ERA of any pitcher with at least 25 World Series innings pitched: only one run allowed in three World Series.

In our march back to the championship, we were also grateful for our gifted announcer, Renel Brooks-Moon, and talented English and Spanish-language broadcasters: Duane Kuiper, Mike Krukow, Jon Miller, Dave Flemming, Tito Fuentes and Erwin Higueros.

The Giants represented excellence from the field to the front office. As San Francisco cherishes our latest victory, our gratitude extends as well to the team's Chief Executive Officer Larry Baer, General Manager Brian Sabean, Manager Bruce Bochy, and to the men and women of the Giants' excellent staff. Their leadership and vision continue to support and strengthen our team.

The heart and hard work of the Giants extend well beyond the baseball diamond through the Giants Community Fund, which has donated more than \$18 million to vital community efforts. Under their auspices, communities and non-profit organizations throughout Northern California team with our champions to promote health and violence prevention, youth fitness and recreation, education and literacy. And, as the Junior Giants celebrate their 20th anniversary with more than 24,000 participants, we know there is perhaps no better gift we could have received than the Commissioner's Trophy.

As we celebrate our latest championship and turn our eyes to future World Series, we know that our team is blessed by the millions of passionate and devoted San Francisco Giants fans in Northern California, across the country, and around the world. We are proud fans of a proud community. In pride, let us say once more say: Go Giants!

HISTORICAL RECORD OF FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE AFFECTING AMERICAN SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information on the timeline regarding the federal minimum wage issue affecting American Samoa as debated and discussed in the U.S. Congress.

When the Democratic Party took control of both houses of Congress following the 2006 elections, it promised to increase the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour in its "first 100 hours" on the floor. On January 10, 2007, the House passes H.R. 2, the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007, by a vote of 315-116. CNMI was included in the bill and subject to annual increases until the Territory reached a rate of \$7.25 per hour. American Samoa was excluded from the bill, meaning Special Industry Committees would continue to deter-

mine increases in American Samoa. False media reports begin to circulate suggesting Speaker Pelosi excluded American Samoa from H.R. 2 because Congressman Eni Faleomavaega (EF) is a Democrat, and because Del Monte is contributing to the Speaker's campaign. The media also implies that the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) does not apply to American Samoa. A campaign begins to make American Samoa subject to the \$7.25 federal minimum wage standard.

On January 16, EF responds by informing the press and Members of Congress that the FLSA has applied to American Samoa since 1938 and that since 1956, under Section 5 and 8 of the FLSA, Special Industry Committees administered by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor have determined wage rates in American Samoa. EF asks for Special Industry Committees to continue and for CNMI to be brought under the Special Industry umbrella. EF also writes to Senator Daniel Inouye, Senator Daniel Akaka and the following Senators from the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP): Senator Lamar Alexander, Senator Wayne Allard, Senator Jeff Bingaman, Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Richard Burr, Senator Hillary Clinton, Senator Tom Coburn, Senator Chris Dodd, Senator Michael B. Enzi (Ranking Member), Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Tom Harkin, Senator Orrin Hatch, Senator Johnny Isakson, Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Chairman), Senator Barbara Mikulski, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Patty Murray, Senator Barack Obama, Senator Jack Reed, Senator Pat Roberts, and Senator Bernie Sanders. EF also writes to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Rep. George Miller, Chairman, House Committee of Education and the Workforce, Rep. Howard Buck McKeon, Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and Speaker Pelosi. On January 18 and January 19, EF speaks out on the House floor. On January 22, EF and Senator Inouye write Senator Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Committee on HELP, in support of using Special Industry Committees to determine wage rates for American Samoa and CNMI. On January 24, in an attempt to make a stink about Democrats' minimum-wage and territorial voting proposals, House Republicans take to the floor wearing white stickers of Charlie the Tuna with a caption stating "Something's Fishy!" EF writes to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, StarKist and Chicken of the Sea write to EF. On January 30, the Senate passes wage bill.

On February 5, EF writes to conferees in support of strengthening Special Industry Committees, including Chairman Kennedy and Ranking Member Enzi of the Senate HELP Committee, and Ranking Member Howard "Buck" McKeon and Chairman Miller of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. On March 12, EF writes to Chairman Miller. On March 15, minimum wage bill is attached to Emergency Iraq War Supplemental bill. Republican Mark Kirk also offers an amendment to extend federal minimum wage rates to American Samoa by \$0.50 cents per hour every year until the Territory reaches the mainland rate of \$7.25 per hour. Amendment is accepted by House Appropriations Committee. On March 15, EF writes to Rep. David Obey, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations in opposition to the Kirk amendment. Obey promises that the issue will be resolved during conference.

On May 11, EF writes to Chairman Miller offering compromise amendment to the Kirk proposal in which workers would be provided a one-time increase of \$0.50 cents per hour and the U.S. Department of Labor would be

empowered to determine future increases, though Special Industry Committees would be abolished. EF writes to Speaker Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senator Inouye, Senator Akaka, and Senator Bingaman, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. EF also writes to Del Monte CEO Richard Wolford, forwarding copy of letter and amendment to House and Senate. EF writes to Chicken of the Sea CEO John Signorino and Del Monte CEO Richard Wolford to set the record straight about comments made by Del Monte's Executive Vice President regarding EF's position on minimum wage. On May 18, EF, Senator Inouye, Senator Bingaman, Senator Akaka and Rep. Donna Christensen write to Chairman David Obey and Ranking Member Jerry Lewis of the House Committee on Appropriations and Chairman Robert Byrd and Ranking Member Thad Cochran of the Senate Committee on Appropriations urging support of EF's amendment but with an initial increase of \$0.35 cents per hour. On May 21, Del Monte CEO Richard Wolford writes to EF in support of his EF's efforts in Congress to resolve the challenges regarding the impact of increased wages on tuna canner operations in American Samoa. On May 25, conferees do not accept the proposal but do agree to include EF language calling upon the U.S. Department of Labor to conduct a study to determine impact of future increases. Wage hike with automatic escalator clauses is included in the Iraq War supplemental spending bill and President George W. Bush signs it into law on May 25. The first wage increase occurs on June 24.

On June 6, EF writes to Rep. Christensen, Chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs requesting an oversight hearing on the impact of the federal minimum wage legislation. EF copies his letter to Governor and Legislature. On June 11, Chicken of the Sea President John Signorino writes to EF, enclosing copy of letter COS Senior Vice President Jim Davet wrote to Del Monte and copied to Governor Togiola. On June 21, EF writes to Thai Union President Thiraphong Chansiri and copies his letter to Senator Inouye, Governor Togiola, Lieutenant Governor Sunia, ASG Legislature, COS President John Signorino, and COS Vice President of Operations Jim Davet. EF responds to Davet's comments and requests meeting with Thai Union President Chansiri. Mr. Chansiri agrees to meet. The same day, EF writes to COS President John Signorino and sets the record straight about Mr. Davet's comments. EF encloses a copy of his letter to Chairwoman Christensen as well as his letter to Thai Union President Thiraphong Chansiri. EF also writes to Del Monte CEO Richard Wolford and encloses a copy of his letter to Rep. Christensen requesting a hearing as soon as possible. EF writes to Governor Togiola informing him that he will meet be meeting with StarKist, Chicken of the Sea, Del Monte, Thai Union and boat owners in San Diego, California regarding the impact of federal minimum wage law. EF also informs Governor that he will be meeting with Thai Union President Thiraphong Chansiri on July 1. EF copies his letter to Senator Inouye, Lieutenant Governor, and the American Samoa Legislature.

On July 1, EF meets with Thai Union President Thiraphong Chansiri in Bangkok, Thailand. On July 24, EF meets with U.S. Department of Labor officials, including Dr. Ronald Baird, Chief Economist from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, who is tasked to undertake the study mandated by Congress to determine impact of minimum wage increases. On July 25, EF writes to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne regarding his meeting with the U.S. Department of Labor and requesting

support in assisting ASG and CNMI officials in how to collect the necessary data needed to make determinations about both economies.

On January 25, 2008, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) releases its report. On January 29, EF introduces H.R. 5154 to condition further increases in minimum wage on a determination by the Secretary of Labor. EF writes to Governor Togiola and provides him with a copy of the DOL report and informs him that he has introduced H.R. 5154. EF copies Senator Inouye, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Lieutenant Governor, ASG Legislature. On February 12, EF writes to Paramount Chief Mauga regarding field hearing to be held in American Samoa regarding impact of minimum wage increases. On February 14, EF writes to Chairman Miller regarding H.R. 5154 and thanking him for sending 2 professional staff members to field hearing scheduled to be held in American Samoa on February 22. On February 22, Rep. Christensen, Chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, holds field hearing in American Samoa at EF's request regarding impact of federal minimum wage increases on American Samoa's economy. EF testifies before the House Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs. On February 28, EF testifies before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources regarding the Impact of the Recently Increased Minimum Wage in American Samoa.

On March 14, Chairman Miller writes to EF and raises concerns about DOL. The same day, EF, Senator Inouye, Senator Akaka, Senator Bingaman write to Chairman Robert C. Byrd and Ranking Member Thad Cochran of the Senate Committee on Appropriations requesting delays in minimum wage. On March 31, Secretary of the Interior to Dirk Kempthorne writes to EF offering support. On April 3, EF writes to Senator Inouye thanking him for agreeing to offer an amendment based on H.R. 5154 to delay minimum wage increases and to review further increases. EF also writes to Senator Bingaman and Senator Akaka. On April 18, EF writes to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. On April 20, EF writes to Senator Orrin Hatch. On April 22, EF and Governor Fitial write to Senator Kennedy, Senator Inouye, Senator Bingaman, and Senator Akaka. EF and Governor Fitial also write to Chairman Miller. On April 24, EF and Governor Fitial write to House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. On May 13, EF and CAPAC members Rep. Mike Honda, Rep. Joseph Crowley, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Albio Sires, Rep. Solomon Ortiz, Rep. Nydia Velazquez, Rep. Bennie Thompson, Rep. Neil Abercrombie, Rep. Al Green, Rep. Luis Guterrez, Rep. Joe Baca, Rep. Mazie Hirono, and Rep. Hank Johnson write to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Chairman David Obey of the House Appropriations Committee, Chairman Norm Dicks of the Interior Appropriations Committee, Chairman Miller of the Education and Workforce Committee, Chairman Kennedy of the Senate HELP Committee, Senator Inouye, Senator Akaka, and Chairman Bingaman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources requesting support for delays. On May 21, Senate passes language in the Emergency Supplemental to conduct new GAO study. On May 30, the 2nd minimum wage increase goes into effect. On July 31, EF, Chairman Rahall of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Rep. Christensen write to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne requesting technical assistance funds to conduct comprehensive economic study of American Samoa. On November 25, EF writes to StarKist regarding announcement to lay off workers and

copies Senator Inouye, Governor Togiola and Chairman Kim Jae-Chul of the Dongwon Group.

On January 28, 2009, EF writes to Chairman Miller requesting delays in further increases. On January 30, EF meets with Senator Inouye and thanks him for agreeing to include language in H.R. 1, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) that would require the GAO to conduct a new study by April 15, 2010. On February 17, H.R. 1 is signed into law with 3rd wage increase to go forward and a mandate for a new GAO report to be released by April 2010. On February 19, EF writes to Governor Togiola, President of the Senate Gaoteote, Speaker Savali and asks them to join him in sending a letter to Chairman Miller requesting a deferment of the 3rd increase until GAO has time to complete its study. On February 23, EF holds meeting in his DC office with Governor Togiola and Governor Fitial for purposes of drafting a letter and sending a unified message to Congress and the Administration regarding the need to delay minimum wage. On February 24, EF, Governor Togiola and Governor Fitial deliver their letter to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar during meeting of Interagency Group on Insular Affairs (IGIA). On May 7, EF writes to Governor Togiola regarding COS closure and copies letter to American Samoa Legislature. On May 30, the 3rd minimum wage increase goes into effect. On July 24, EF responds to ASG petition to President Obama. On December 14, House and Senate agree to EF's request to postpone 4th increase from May 2010 to September 2010 to give Congress time to act on the GAO study.

On April 8, 2010, GAO releases new study on the impact of minimum wage hikes in American Samoa and CNMI. On April 30, EF thanks Chairman Miller for agreeing to his request to modify minimum wage law based on findings of GAO and copies Senator Inouye, Chairman Nick Rahall of the House Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Governor Togiola, and the American Samoa Legislature. On May 5, EF forwards Senator Inouye copy of letter to Chairman Miller. On May 12, Senator Inouye thanks EF for copy and assures him of support in Senate. On June 12, EF and Rep. Sablan of CNMI write to Senator Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and include language approved by Chairman Miller that would halt minimum wage increases in American Samoa for 2010 and 2011 and for CNMI for 2011 based on GAO report, and asking for inclusion in any legislative vehicle that might be moving. EF and Rep. Sablan also write to Senator Tom Harkin, Chairman of the Senate HELP Committee, Senator Bingaman, Chairman of Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and Chairman David Obey of the House Committee on Appropriations. On July 27, Senator Bingaman and Senator Murkowski agree to include EF and Sablan language in H.R. 934, a CNMI bill already passed by the House, which is hotlined for Unanimous Consent (UC) in the Senate. Bill clears Democratic hotline. Republican hold placed on CNMI provision relating to submerged lands. Rep. Sablan would not agree to take out his submerged lands provision. In response, Senator Bingaman and Senator Murkowski agree to include EF and Sablan minimum wage language in H.R. 3940, a Guam bill already passed by the House, which is hotlined for Unanimous Consent in the Senate.

On August 3, EF writes to Senator Bingaman thanking him for agreeing to include minimum wage language in H.R. 3940. EF writes to Senator Murkowski thanking her for support. On August 6, EF provides updates informing public that H.R. 3940 has

cleared Democratic holds but Republicans did not have time enough to review before August recess.

On September 14, House returns from District work period. UC process begins again. Senator Bingaman and Senator Murkowski's committee staff inform EF and Sablan that Democrats have cleared H.R. 3940 for UC. On September 16, at 4 pm, Republican cloakroom informs Democrats that 2 holds have been placed including one by Senator DeMint (R-SC). Senate ends business for the day and does not go in Session on Friday. On September 18, Saturday night, Senator Bingaman and Senator Murkowski's staff inform EF and Sablan that there is nothing they can do to overcome Senator DeMint's hold. On September 20, EF's office contacts Senator DeMint's Chief of Staff at 10:29 am. At 11:52 am, Senator DeMint's Chief of Staff responds stating he has forwarded EF information and comments to policy staff for review. On September 21, at 11:28 am, Senator DeMint's staff informs EF office that Senator DeMint will agree to let minimum wage section pass, but expresses concerns about Guam provision. EF office informs Rep. Bordallo's office of concerns raised about Guam. Rep. Bordallo's office begins process of working out compromise regarding Guam provisions. On September 27, at 4:36 pm, Rep. Bordallo's office and Sen DeMint's office reach agreement on new language regarding Guam provision. On September 28, at 9:45 am, Senator DeMint's office informs Republican cloakroom that he has released his hold on H.R. 3940 pending the change in language regarding the Guam provision. Change is made and H.R. 3940 is hot-lined again. At 1:36 pm, Democrats begin hotline process. At 3:48 pm, Democratic staff informs EF and Sablan that Senator Coburn is raising questions but Senator Murkowski's staff is trying to resolve his concerns. At 4:13 pm, EF speaks with Senator Majority Leader Harry Reid asking that bill be placed on floor for DC once it clears the Democratic and Republican cloakrooms. However, Senator Murkowski's staff is unable to clear Senator Coburn's hold. At 4:42 pm, EF office contacts Senator McCain's office asking for help to release Senator Coburn's hold. Senator McCain's office agrees. At 5:17 pm, EF office phones Senator Coburn's office. At 6:03 pm, Senator Coburn's office informs EF's office that Senator Coburn has agreed to release his hold. At 6:09 pm, Senator McCain's office also informs EF office that Senator Coburn has agreed to release his hold. Senate passes H.R. 3940 by DC. At 10:28 pm, EF sends letter to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, House Majority leader Steny Hoyer, Chairman Miller of the House and Committee on Education and Labor, Leader and Chairman Nick Rahall of the House Committee on Natural Resources requesting that H.R. 3940 be brought to the House floor for immediate passage.

On September 29, at 8:05 am, EF office phones House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer's Chief of Staff again requesting that H.R. 3940 be brought to Floor for passage. ML Hoyer's office states that Republican Leadership must be on board. At 10:33 am, EF office contacts Republican Leader John Boehner's Chief of Staff, Republican Whip Eric Cantor's Chief of Staff, Republican Staff Director for Ranking Member John Kline of the House Committee on Education and Labor, and Republican Staff Director for Ranking Member Doc Hastings of the House Committee on Natural Resources, providing copy of EF letter to Republican leadership. At 10:38 am, EF office contacts Rep. Flake (R-AZ), member of the Resources Committee and LDS Member of Church, requesting help in getting support from Republicans, including Ranking Member Doc Hastings of the

Natural Resources Committee. At 10:39 am, Rep. Flake's office informs EF office that message will be forwarded to Rep. Flake. At 12:08 pm, Rep. Flake sends message saying he will speak to Ranking Member Doc Hastings of Natural Resources Committee. At 12:31 pm, Republican Leader John Boehner's Chief of Staff responds thanking EF office for bringing this to his attention and stating that they will respond appropriately base on conversations with their two Ranking Members. At 12:30 pm, EF speaks to Ranking Member Doc Hastings on House floor, and also Rep. Flake who has also spoken to Ranking Member Hastings and Ranking Member John Kline of the Education and Labor Committee agree to let bill go to the Floor by suspension. At 12:38 pm, EF office informs Majority Leader Hoyer's office that Republicans will agree to let the bill be brought to the House floor by suspension instead of UC, meaning a voice vote will be requested and that the measure must win by a vote of 290. At 5:18 pm, ML Hoyer's office agrees to put bill on House floor. ML Hoyer calls EF. At 8:52 pm, EF office begins providing Samoa News with regular updates.

On September 30, at 12:19 am, EF office informs Samoa News that vote is taking place. At 12:27 am, EF issues press release stating bill passes House by a vote of 386 to 5. At 12:31 am, EF office emails White House requesting assistance to get bill on President's desk for signature. At 8:00 am, White House emails EF office thanking EF for flagging the bill for signature. At 8:36 am, EF office contacts Majority Leader Hoyer's Chief of Staff requesting assistance to get the bill from the House to the White House. At 8:40 am, ML Hoyer's COS states he is working it. At 10:58 am, Majority Leader Hoyer's Chief of Staff informs EF office that he has taken the bill to the Clerk's office and that it is at the Parliamentarian's office awaiting clearance, then it goes to Speaker Pelosi, then to the Senate, then to the President of the United States for signature. At 5:06 pm, White House informs EF that President has signed H.R. 3940. At 5:09 pm, EF office informs Samoa News bill has been signed. Samoa News issues breaking news flash. At 5:38 pm, EF issues press release announcing that bill has been signed into law.

FRAN BAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Fran Baker for her tireless dedication and love for the community in Jefferson County.

As the founder and Executive Director of the Gold Crown Enrichment Program, a free program that serves 400 kids per year which focuses on art and technology, Fran has raised over \$350,000 each year to keep the program running for free. Under Fran's direction, Gold Crown Enrichment was awarded licensing for an international after school program, The Computer Clubhouse, part of a global network of tech based after school programs. While dedicating herself full time to this program, she does not take home a paycheck. In addition to being a full-time volunteer for Gold Crown, she also works in Jefferson County for other causes that support children.

For nine years, Fran worked as a Title One Reading Teacher and Literacy Coach in Jef-

erson County. Fran has received the Jefferson Foundation Community Service Award and was named Channel 7's Everyday Hero.

I extend my deepest appreciation and congratulations to Fran for her positive impact in Jefferson County and for the numerous kids she has and continues to support.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY CLUB OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Golden Opportunity Club, which was established as a venue for senior citizens in the Greater Pontiac community to connect and learn. Founded with the philosophy that increasing age does not need to impact an individual's quality of life, the Golden Opportunity Club is a community organization that directly engages senior citizens in the City of Pontiac to support a wide variety of activities that keeps them both mentally and physically active.

Founded in October 1964, the Golden Opportunity Club first met at the Lakeside Homes Center in Pontiac with ten original members in attendance. Its supervisor, Mrs. Johnson, immediately recognized the club's unique potential and engaged in efforts to expand its reach within the community. After much debate, she came up with the club's signature name under the presidency of Mrs. Annie Thompson. Two locations and thirteen presidents later, the thriving Golden Opportunity Club is now comprised of 400 members.

To carry out its mission, the club arranges activities and events for all people aged fifty-six and up. Club members participate in recreational gatherings including: trips, picnics and parties. In addition, the club offers its members a forum to use their compassion and desire to others by participating in charitable events to support their community. The Golden Opportunity Club also reaches out to ill, hospitalized and homebound members by providing financial and emotional support to them and their families.

Under the leadership of its current president, Carolyn Price, the Golden Opportunity Club has continued to stay focused on its mission of engaging seniors in activities that encourage civic activism and promote an active lifestyle. Recently, the Golden Opportunity Club has allied with Community Network Services and other organizations to ensure that their charitable contributions are benefiting the community. The funds that the Golden Opportunity Club raises through its events are used to make a significant impact on the residents of Pontiac. Specifically, the Golden Opportunity Club uses some of these funds to award annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors, as well as an annual contribution to the God U-C Youth Group, which is committed to inspiring and enriching the lives of youth in Pontiac. In conjunction with annual donations, the Golden Opportunity Club is committed to improving Pontiac as it continues to grow and develop. This past year it made

significant contributions to Coats for Kids, and the WHRC Elementary School when its roof caved in.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the remarkable impact the Golden Opportunity Club has made over the last 50 years on the lives of senior citizens in the City of Pontiac. As more and more members of the Baby Boomer generation become seniors, the health and happiness of senior citizens will become increasingly important to sustain robust communities. The Golden Opportunity Club is vital to this work in the Pontiac community. I congratulate the Golden Opportunity Club on its many achievements and wish its members continued success in fulfilling their mission and encouraging the spirit and vitality of Pontiac's seniors.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISPANIC-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce, located in Morristown, New Jersey as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

The Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to serve the growing market needs of the U.S. Hispanic-American businesses and residential communities, specific to Morris County and adjacent areas.

In the summer of 1989, Esperanza Porras-Field, John Sanchez, and Neyla Porras Moreno founded the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce. The three founding members began an organization with the mission to "advocate, promote, and advance the interests of business owners, professionals, organizations and corporations within Morris County and the adjacent areas that target and serve the U.S. Hispanic-American market." Since then, the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce has helped to foster the prosperity not only of the Hispanic community, but of Morris County as a whole. Both Esperanza Porras-Field and John Sanchez remain active members of the chamber, while Neyla Porras de Moreno remains an active member of another Hispanic Chamber.

Esperanza Porras-Field, a founding member, current president and CEO of the Chamber, is stepping down after years of distinguished service. She has shown her dedication to promoting the welfare of the community in founding several more Chambers of Commerce and facilitating their development. Her involvement extends beyond Morris County to an international scale, where she is on the Advisory Board for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Toronto. Over the years her experience and guidance have been a major factor in the success of the Chamber, and her leadership will be missed.

Throughout the past 25 years, the chamber has continuously been recognized as one of the Best Chambers in the Northeast, within Region V, by the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In 2007, the chamber was declared the Best National Medium Hispanic Chamber, and received the award again

in 2014. At the 2014 United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Convention, the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Toronto Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to provide mutual membership in each other's respective chamber and host cross-border events with their Canadian friends in order to promote international trade.

With over 350 members, the chamber offers over 20 annual events purposed to further growth and success. These events include networking and social events, fundraising, business incubation, business card exchanges, procurement opportunities, training, and seminars.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Morris County Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,988,139,701,976.27. We've added \$7,361,262,653,063.19 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF HARLEM RENAISSANCE POET LAUREATE JAMES BALDWIN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to join all of the people in the village of Harlem and my Congressional District to pay tribute to Mr. James Baldwin, a legendary writer who broke new literary ground by exploring racial and social issues embedded in American history.

On Saturday, August 2, 2014, the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, the Harlem Arts Alliance, the New Heritage Theatre Group, Columbia University School of the Arts, The National Black Theater, Street Corner Resources, Harlem Renaissance High School, and HARLEM WEEK, Inc. joined elected officials, community board members, residents, and poet laureates to recognize August 2nd as James Baldwin Day in celebration of his 90th birthday. Among the many tributes, the marquee of the famous Apollo Theater read "Happy 90th Birthday James Baldwin." Above all, a portion of East 128th Street, between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, where he once lived was renamed "James Baldwin Way".

Mr. Baldwin was born to Emma Jones, a single mother, on August 2, 1924 in Harlem,

New York. While he never met his biological father, Mr. Baldwin did have a father figure growing up, Baptist Minister David Baldwin. The preacher's religious influence had a lasting impression on James and his writings. The language of the church shaped the cadences and tones of his work, becoming unmistakable hallmarks of his literary style. He would go on to spend three years as a youth minister.

After striking out on his own and moving away from home, Mr. Baldwin published short stories in national periodicals under the tutelage of his mentor, Beauford Delaney, a renowned Harlem Renaissance painter. Disillusioned by the growing bigotry towards African-Americans and the gay community, Baldwin left our country and settled in France at the age of 24. He found that the distance gave him enough space to reflect on his experience as a black man in white America. Please allow me to quote Mr. Baldwin's later thoughts on this dramatic change in his life: "Once I found myself on the other side of the ocean, I saw where I came from very clearly . . . I am the grandson of a slave, and I am a writer. I must deal with both." Through his writing, Baldwin was forced to confront this enlightening reality.

While he spent much of his life abroad, Baldwin was recognized as a quintessential American writer. In 1953, Baldwin published his first novel, a semi autobiography called *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, which explores the repression, moral hypocrisy, religious inspiration, and community ties that characterized the Black American experience. His two collections of essays, *Notes of a Native Son* (1955) and *Nobody Knows My Name* (1961), as well as his two novels, *Giovanni's Room* (1956) and *Another Country* (1962), were immediate bestsellers. The works Baldwin published during this unsettling time in American history, explored the deep-rooted racial tension with eloquence and unparalleled honesty. As his collection of notable literary works continue to exude words of strength, power, and wisdom, his writing will forever remain an essential part of the American literary canon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me as we celebrate this year, the 90th Birthday of Harlem Renaissance Poet Laureate James Baldwin.

HISTORICAL RECORD OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES TO AMERICAN SAMOA 1995–2012

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, the following information on federal expenditures to American Samoa.

From 1995 to 2001, the amount of federal expenditures from federal agencies to American Samoa totaled over \$1 billion. The following is the amount of federal expenditures per year:

1995: \$116,008,922
1996: \$115,099,073
1997: \$174,193,691
1998: \$150,888,302
1999: \$171,449,811
2000: \$175,979,717
2001: \$181,203,793

TOTAL: \$1,084,823,309

From 2002 to 2007, the federal expenditures from federal agencies to American Samoa totaled nearly \$1.4 billion. The following is the amount of federal expenditures per year:

2002: \$212,103,366
2003: \$231,696,258
2004: \$249,179,251
2005: \$238,160,608
2006: \$226,979,671
2007: \$233,242,815
TOTAL: \$1,391,361,969

From 2008 to 2012, the federal expenditures from federal agencies to American Samoa totaled over \$1.6 billion. The following is the amount of federal expenditures per year:

2008: \$234,839,570
2009: \$333,785,001
2010: \$510,005,555
2011: \$293,663,747
2012: \$262,246,963
TOTAL: \$1,634,540,836

HONORING THE LIFE OF CECIL MOZEL BAILEY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Cecil Mozell Bailey who recently passed away on February 23 at the age of 91. Cecil was a man of God dedicated to his faith, family, and community. I consider myself fortunate to count Cecil and his family as personal friends and I know he will be greatly missed.

Cecil was born on November 11, 1922 in Grand Saline, Texas. The values of family and hard work were ingrained in Cecil from an early age as he grew up helping his parents, Harvey and Tennie Fisher Bailey, on the family farm. After graduating from Grand Saline High School, he received an offer to play football for Arlington State College. Cecil then decided to serve his country in the United States Army where he was stationed in Germany.

After returning home from war, Cecil and his first wife Margarite raised their family together while Cecil worked as a warehouse superintendent with A&P Grocery in Dallas and served as a Sunday School Teacher and deacon at Urban Park Baptist Church.

Following the passing of his wife Margarite, Cecil returned to Grand Saline. He then married his second wife, Irene, and the two moved to Canton where they retired. His faith was important to him, and together, Cecil and Irene Bailey helped start Lakeside Baptist Church. Cecil continued to actively serve the Lord and His church body as the First Chairman of the deacons.

Family was also very important to Cecil. The Baileys enjoyed many trips together, traveling to Israel, Hawaii, Alaska, New England, and Branson. He also spent time growing large vegetable gardens, canning its produce, and sharing what he grew with his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Cecil Bailey. He was a man who fully believed in the values of faith, family, and community, and I believe everyone can benefit from his example.

HEATHER KAPANDE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Heather Kapande for her outstanding service to our community.

While building her own successful small business in Jefferson County, Heather has positively influenced the small business community as a whole across the County. She began her professional career as a teacher and has continued with her legacy of serving others. Heather is an influential mentor in the community and goes the extra mile to deliver the absolute best she can to her family, friends, clients and community.

Since 1999, Heather manages Nick's Pro Fitness and has helped make it into the prosperous organization it is today. In 2003, Heather took on the additional role as an international event planner. She continues to run Nick's Pro Fitness, but also has a key role at The Bastian Group planning events for businesses in the corporate and entertainment arenas. Heather has a passion and drive that her family, friends, clients and the community all benefit from.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Heather Kapande for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF JOHN H. RIVES

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John H. Rives, who passed away on November 22, 2014 at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

John was a dedicated and loving husband and father. John devoted his life to his passions: clock repair and restoration. For 15 years, John was responsible for the weekly winding of the Worcester City Hall clock tower. John was an avid runner, having completed 14 marathons; he was also the running coach at the Notre Dame Academy in Worcester.

On behalf of the people of Worcester, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in keeping the Rives family in our thoughts and prayers.

IN CELEBRATION OF DR. TIMOTHY S. MESCON, PRESIDENT OF COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend my personal congratulations to Dr. Timothy S. Mescon, the fourth president of Columbus State University, who will be leaving Columbus State to work at the

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International as the senior vice president and chief officer for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, he will be honored by the community for his career and many achievements at Columbus State University.

Dr. Mescon, along with his wife Lauren and four children William, Preston, Abbie, and David, have lived a fulfilling life supporting the mission of excellence at Columbus State.

Before arriving at Columbus State in August 2008, Dr. Mescon was Dean of the Michael J. Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta for 18 years, holding the Tony and Jack Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurship. He is a Ph.D. recipient from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business, and also has received an MBA from Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business and a B.A. from Tulane University. Dr. Mescon also served on the faculties of the University of Miami and Arizona State University. He was founding Dean of the Frank Perdue School of Business at Salisbury University in Maryland and serves on the Advisory Board of the Kingston University (U.K.) School of Business and Law. Additionally, Dr. Mescon has served as a visiting fellow at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Under his six years of leadership, Columbus State University has grown in prestige and stature. It launched its first doctoral program and an array of graduate programs, including the nation's first program in Servant Leadership. The university restructuring under his tenure created Columbus State's Honors College and Graduate School, College of Letters and Sciences, College of the Arts Turner College of Business, and College of Education and Health Professions. Additionally, the School of Nursing added graduate programs and changed its accreditation to the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the chemistry program received national accreditation from the American Chemical Society, and in 2014 CSU was named winner of the Senator Paul Simon Prize for outstanding international education programs.

Columbus State has established extensive partnerships with Ft. Benning, the Maneuver Center of Excellence, and has been recognized as both a Yellow Ribbon and a Military Friendly School. It added 20 club sports, five NCAA Intercollegiate sports, and built the nation's top Student Recreation Center. Lastly, under his leadership, the 2011 NCAA National Rifle Championship was hosted by Columbus State University and the Army Marksmanship Unit based at Ft. Benning.

For the first time ever, Columbus State was named by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 50 Comprehensive Public Universities in the South for 2013 and 2014. Additionally, Columbus State's online graduate programs in business and education were named among the top 35 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report for 2013.

Dr. Mescon is the author of more than 200 articles and case studies, and has co-authored four books and an audio book series covering topics ranging from entrepreneurship to management, development to business success.

Locally, Dr. Mescon has given much to our community. As a trustee of the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts in Columbus, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and the

Chattahoochee Council with the Boy Scouts of America, Dr. Mescon's philanthropic presence will be sorely missed in the greater Columbus area. He also serves as an ally in the Circles in Columbus anti-poverty program, Chair for the annual campaign for the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, and a member of the Fort Benning Futures Partnership Board.

Of course, Dr. Mescon's service has not gone unnoticed. Georgia Trend Magazine named Dr. Mescon one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Nationally, the White House has named him a winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and he has received the national Award of Excellence from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Dr. Timothy S. Mescon for six outstanding years as President at Columbus State University. He has truly implemented an outstanding vision for Columbus State University and brought leadership to our community. I am profoundly grateful for his outstanding stewardship and dedication and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UAB DENTISTRY CARES COMMUNITY DAY

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is the privilege of the State of Alabama and the City of Birmingham to be the site of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Dentistry, host to the second annual UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. UAB Dentistry Cares is an event that brings together UAB and community volunteers, sponsors and partners to provide one day of free dental treatment and oral health education to the homeless and underserved, giving priority to patients suffering from dental infections or pain. It was my pleasure to be able to see this event first-hand and the dedicated work provided by everyone involved, including the dental students, was truly impressive.

Recognizing that lack of Medicaid dental coverage for adults has created a pressing need for primary care dental treatment among the low-income, UAB School of Dentistry and Alabama Dental Association leadership have collaborated on initiatives such as an incentive program to encourage dentists to establish practices in rural and underserved areas of the state. In 2012, the groups also joined to establish the first UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day which was held in October 2013. The day-long event provided emergency dental treatment to over 300 needy adults. Services included examinations, blood pressure checks, x-rays, almost 100 dental cleanings and 130 dental fillings, and over 300 dental extractions, all at an estimated cost of \$130,000.

The event has grown to include many sponsors and partners. This year, over 400 needy adults were provided with free dental treatment at one of four clinic sites around the Birmingham area. UAB School of Dentistry

served as the primary site, while Christ Health Center, The Foundry and Jefferson County Health Department dental clinics offered their facilities as an extension of the event.

UAB School of Dentistry is among very few dental schools in the country to host this type of benevolent event through its partnerships with The Caring Foundation—BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama, Henry Schein, UAB School of Public Health, Alabama Dental Association, Brasseler USA, Courtyard Marriott & SpringHill Suites, OKU Honor Society, Oral Arts Dental Laboratories, UAB Health System, and numerous private supporters. In addition to the Alabama Dental Association and three companion sites, other event partners include the Birmingham District Dental Society, Cahaba Valley Health Care, Fortis Institute School of Dental Hygiene, Samford School of Pharmacy and UAB School of Nursing.

Since its founding in 1948, the UAB School of Dentistry has developed a rich history of healthcare innovation and gained an international reputation for excellence. With an accredited predoctoral and eight accredited postdoctoral areas of study, the School is a world class institution ranking number one in funding from the National Institutes of Dental and Craniofacial Research, with a 100% pass rate for students on National Board exams and a positive track record for community outreach and collaboration. The UAB School of Dentistry continues to supply the City of Birmingham and the State of Alabama with nothing but the world's most equipped and knowledgeable scholars and dentists, a tradition of research and rich community outreach experiences like UAB Dentistry Cares day of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the combined efforts of the UAB School of Dentistry and its partners who have given of their time and talents to provide critical dental care to Alabama's underserved. Let us congratulate UAB School of Dentistry and its partners on this successful approach to the pressing access to care problem in their state.

KAY MILLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kay Miller for her outstanding service to the field of health and our community.

As the Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at St. Anthony Hospital, Kay is known for her dedication to her patients, staff and hospital associates. Prior to working at St. Anthony Hospital, she served as Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland. Kay brings more than 30 years of experience in nursing, health care administration, and patient safety. Throughout her work at St. Anthony, Kay has been committed to enhancing the culture of the hospital through employee engagement and a continual focus on patient satisfaction.

Kay uses her passion to help inspire others, and uses her knowledge to mentor nursing directors and those aspiring to be at the nurse executive level. Her teams' accomplishments

include the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for health systems, the youngest hospital to receive a Magnet Designation, the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence, two Lantern Awards for Emergency Nursing Excellence and Patient Satisfaction Overall Top Performer for five years. Kay is also a member of the Front Range Community College Area Advisory Council.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kay Miller for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING DR. HOWARD SILVER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of my colleague, Dr. Howard Silver, on the occasion of his recent retirement as the Executive Director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA).

COSSA is the largest consortium dedicated to promoting the social and behavioral sciences and the federal agencies that directly and indirectly supports them. COSSA is comprised of over 100 professional associations, scientific societies, research institutes, and universities, including two in my district—Princeton University and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Since its inception in the early 1980s, Howard has been with COSSA. A former political science professor, campaign manager, and legislative analyst at the Department of Education, Howard came to COSSA during its darkest, earliest chapter when the Reagan Administration was attempting to undermine federal support for the social and behavioral sciences. From 1983–88, Howard served COSSA as its Associate Director for Government Relations, establishing effective and innovative strategies that successfully defended the social and behavioral sciences (SBS) against these efforts and promoted understanding of SBS's important contributions to the nation's scientific enterprise. Howard also worked to expand federal support of SBS, advocating for the creation of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences at the National Science Foundation. During challenging and prosperous times, Howard has never lost sight of his primary objectives—to protect and promote the social and behavioral sciences in the context of all scientific disciplines.

In recognition of his leadership, Howard has served on numerous advisory boards and committees and received many honors. For example, from 1994–2000, Howard served as the elected Chair of the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF), an elite scientific advocacy group with membership from scientific and engineering societies, higher education associations, and industrial groups. In 1998, he was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 2006 he became the President of

the National Capital Area Political Science Association, after serving on its council. From 1998–2000 he served on the Council of the American Political Science Association (APSA). His prior service includes serving as President, Treasurer and Program Chair of the Section on Applied Political Science of the American Political Science Association, the Executive Committee of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, and on the steering committees of the National Commission on Social Studies in the Schools and the Coalition for the Advancement of Foreign Languages and International Studies. He also was a member of the 2010 Decennial Census Advisory Committee.

In a town known for its transience, for over 30 years, Howard has been an enduring leader in Washington, DC, providing members of Congress, congressional staff, federal employees, and advocates alike with accurate, incisive, timely, and useful information and guidance. His annual budget issue of the COSSA Washington Update is mandatory reading for anyone who needs to understand federal funding of social and behavioral scientific research. It is hard to imagine COSSA without Howard at the helm, leading the charge—especially when, once again, critics of the social and behavioral sciences have resurfaced to wage battles Howard has fought successfully over the years. Nonetheless, Howard has earned the right to retire and to reflect upon a long distinguished career characterized by many triumphs. I join his friends and colleagues in wishing Howard and his wife, Marilyn, well and thanking him for his years of dedicated, impressive service.

EXPRESSING THANKS TO DR.
MARK S. MYERSON, MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR FOOT AND ANKLE RECONSTRUCTION AT MERCY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Mark S. Myerson for his extraordinary care and skill.

Dr. Myerson is one of the world's foremost experts for foot and ankle surgery. Orthopedic surgeons from around the world turn to him for direction.

Dr. Myerson studied at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He did his residency in orthopedics at Sinai Hospital, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland. He completed a Fellowship for foot and ankle surgery at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York. He founded The Institute for Foot and Ankle Reconstruction at the Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland, and now serves as its Medical Director. He is rated among the best doctors in the world.

Dr. Mark Myerson's research and dedication to finding the best solutions for foot and ankle injuries has led to his authoring two foot and ankle textbooks. He also has authored various chapters in scientific textbooks and is published in numerous professional and medical journals.

Dr. Myerson has pioneered surgical techniques that have revolutionized the diagnosis,

treatment and recovery of disorders of the foot and ankle. He provides one-of-a-kind treatment options for foot and ankle injuries ranging from the routine to the complex. From football players to ice skaters, professional athletes have trusted Dr. Myerson to help them return to their elite level of play. Parents have trusted Dr. Myerson's skills in relieving their children's foot and ankle pain associated with rare birth defects. Others, injured in traumatic accidents that crush the foot or ankle, have trusted Dr. Myerson to help them recover from their debilitating injuries. Dr. Myerson has performed many surgeries that have saved and prolonged careers, and led to patients being able to once again enjoy their daily activities.

Many patients believe Dr. Myerson is the best of the best, and so do I. I can never thank Dr. Myerson enough for what he has done for me. Because of his skills, I am able to walk again, and I will always be grateful to God for bringing Dr. Myerson into my life.

On a personal level, I am honored to know Dr. Myerson and his son, Lucas, who interned for me years ago. Both father and son are exceptional men. They share their talents with underprivileged communities and impact lives at home and abroad. I wish Dr. Myerson and his family the very best, and I thank him and his staff for all they do to make a difference in the lives of those they serve.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE
REVEREND MONSIGNOR MICHAEL
F. KOSAK, P.A.**

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding leader from my congressional district in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Reverend Monsignor Michael F. Kosak, a Roman Catholic Priest, for his many contributions to St. Croix and the Virgin Islands community over 44 years.

Born in Brooklyn, New York on December 7, 1938, the first-born child of Michael and Rose Marnick Kosak, Monsignor Kosak graduated from high school in 1956 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1957, serving for several years before beginning his religious studies. In 1966, Monsignor Kosak earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Kentucky and his Masters in Divinity from St. Mary's Seminary and the University of Baltimore, Maryland in 1970.

On June 6, 1970, Monsignor Kosak was ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest for the Prelature of the Virgin Islands by the Most Reverend Edward J. Harper, Bishop of the Virgin Islands at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn, New York. That same year on July 26, Monsignor Kosak became pastor of St. Ann's Church, Barrenspot Hill, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and was appointed Director of Vocations in 1970; Director of Charismatic Renewal in 1977; Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate in 1981; Director of Communications in 1982; Dean in 1985; and Episcopal Vicar, St. Croix, a position he held until 1987. Monsignor Kosak was appointed to the position of Vicar General of the Diocese on July 30, 1987, and the title of Monsignor was conferred upon him by the

Most Reverend Sean O'Malley on March 13, 1989.

Mr. Speaker, through Monsignor Kosak's ministry at St. Ann's Church, it grew in stature from a simply country chapel to a significant parish in the community, which offers Christian education classes to children who attend public and private schools in order that they may receive the sacraments. He has always encouraged the training and involvement of youth in the music ministry of the church. As spiritual director at the St. Joseph High School, Monsignor Kosak, was instrumental in obtaining summer youth programs at St. Joseph's in the early 1970s for the youth of the St. Croix community. He presented evangelical seminars to the churches, first in St. Croix and then in St. Thomas and St. John, the impact of which spread to every island in the Caribbean and, since 1982, to Ghana, Uganda, Botswana, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

After Monsignor Kosak was appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on May 16, 1989, he performed spiritual director service in Trinidad and in Malta from 1990 to 1991; He was again appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral on August 1, 1992. During the 1990s, Monsignor Kosak oversaw the renovations of the Cathedral which included preserving precious works of art that dated back to the 19th century.

On October 1, 1995, Monsignor Kosak was appointed Pastor of St. Ann's Church, where he began major construction of the Sts. Joachim & Ann Church and the renovation of the sugar mill into the Shrine of Our Lady of Barrenspot. Other major construction of the Marian Hall, the paving of new roads and the parking lot, as well as the beautification of the 9.5 acres of parish property at St. Ann's commenced from 1999 to 2007. Always one to continue the path of education and spirituality, Monsignor Kosak took a sabbatical at North American College in Rome 2000 and took a spirituality course at Angelicum, Rome in 2004. The Most Reverend Bishop George Murry appointed him as Vicar General on August 15, 2005 and following Bishop Murry's transfer, Monsignor Kosak was elected Diocesan Administrator.

Mr. Speaker, in January 2008, Monsignor Kosak published his memoir titled, "Journey of a Homeboy," which chronicles his life's journey from his time at a home for boys in Brooklyn to the tropical breezes of the Virgin Islands. He writes of serving as pastor during life-altering events to include the destruction of Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and Hurricane Marilyn in 1995 and spiritual experiences along the way, including a mountaintop experience at Mt. St. Benedict in Trinidad on January 6, 1977 that lit the shepherd on fire and there was no turning back in his ministry.

Mr. Speaker, Monsignor Kosak celebrated his 40th anniversary as an ordained priest on June 6, 2010 and later that year, the Holy Father conferred upon him the papal honor of Prothonotary Apostolic, which is dated July 12, 2010 at the Vatican. From June 2012 to December 2013, Monsignor Kosak served as Editor of the Catholic Islander, the Diocesan Monthly Magazine.

Monsignor Kosak retired as pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church on August 31, 2014 and is now Pastor Emeritus of St. Ann Barrenspot. Monsignor Kosak will remain active as a Diocesan Consultant to The Most

Reverend Herbert Brevard, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas to assist him in matters concerning health care, property insurance and pension issues in the diocese. At the conclusion of his memoir, Monsignor Kosak wrote, "God isn't finished with me yet and I ask your prayerful support so that this 'homeboy' will always be a faithful disciple of the Holy Spirit."

Mr. Speaker, Monsignor Kosak has served his country and my constituency well and on behalf of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and a grateful flock, I wish "Father Mike" continued success and on behalf of the Congress of the United States, thank him for his long, dedicated and bountiful service to the parish of Sts. Ann and Joachim, the community of St. Croix and the Diocese of St. Thomas. May God continue to richly bless him with good health and many more years in service to the Almighty God.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident, I was unable to travel to Washington to cast votes from November 12, 2014 until November 20, 2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll calls numbered 516, 517, 519, 520, 522, 523, 525, 528, and 531.

Also, had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll calls numbered 526 and 529.

KIT NEWLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kit Newland, Director of the Community Resources Department at the City of Lakewood, for her outstanding service to our community.

Kit has perfected the career of helping individuals stay active and fit and helped to improve the physical and emotional health of her community. She is the current Director of the Community Resources Department for the City of Lakewood. As recreation manager, she oversees Lakewood's parks, trails, open space, recreation and many aspects of human service provision, including early childhood and older adult services. Kit works tirelessly to advocate for the creation of programs and methods for those with chronic conditions to transition seamlessly from medical facilities to community settings in order to remain physically active and engaged with others.

One of Kit's biggest successes is the creation of the CancerFit Program, an exercise program designed specifically for cancer survivors. CancerFit is now a program that is available across the State of Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kit Newland for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. The dedication Kit has for her community and her

family exemplifies her strong work ethic and character, and I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

MAYOR TRISH KELLEY

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Trish Kelley, Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo, on her outstanding service to our community and to congratulate Mayor Kelley on her retirement.

Since taking office in 2002, Mayor Kelley has been a leading advocate in preserving and enhancing public safety, transportation, and quality of life of the Mission Viejo's residents.

Because of Mayor Kelley's leadership, Mission Viejo has received recognition as the safest city in California each year since she was first elected.

She has implemented and advanced transportation and infrastructure programs that have lowered traffic collisions and enabled safer travel for residents.

Furthermore, Mayor Kelley led efforts to establish the City as a Community of Character, developing a youth education program that won national recognition for promising practices by the Character Education Partnership.

Mayor Kelley's volunteerism, vision, and commitment to excellence has created a sense of pride for the City of Mission Viejo as a premier city of Orange County.

I wish Mayor Kelley the very best in her retirement and I thank her for the extraordinary legacy she is leaving behind; a true inspiration for future generations.

REMEMBERING PALMER J.
"BARNEY" MACALI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Palmer J. "Barney" Macali, 93, who passed away Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014, surrounded by his loving family.

Barney devoted his life to his family and was an active member of his community. Barney served his country in the U.S. Air Force as part of the 5th Air Depot Group. He was a member of numerous organizations, and received multiple awards. Barney received the Community Star from the Tribune Chronicle for outstanding service in the community, due to his integral part in coordinating numerous fundraisers and other charitable events. From the young age of 10, Barney began delivering groceries after school, and for 80 years, he committed himself to the business, his customers, and employees. Barney was a dedicated family man and a valued citizen of Northeast Ohio.

Preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Armand and Gilbert Macali. Barney is survived by his wife, Anne Macali, whom he married Feb. 14, 1955; four children, Ralph,

Paula, Palmer, Mary Beth; their AFS student, of Frankfurt, Germany, Hannelore; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Quinn, Tyler, Marco, Nina and Nicholas, Spencer and Anneliese; two sisters, Eleanor and Norma, and sister-in-law, Delores. There is no doubt, Barney left his community a much better place to live in and he will be missed.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY ON HOUSE
PASSAGE OF FALEOMAVAEGA'S
BILL TO COMBAT TOBACCO
SMUGGLING IN AMERICAN
SAMOA AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information about a bill I introduced to combat tobacco smuggling in American Samoa and other U.S. Territories.

[Press Release, June 14, 2012]

FALEOMAVAEGA INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO COMBAT TOBACCO SMUGGLING IN AMERICAN SAMOA AND OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES

Congressman Faleomavaega today announced that he has introduced the Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2012 (H.R. 5934) to add American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and Guam to the current Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act which makes it illegal to knowingly ship, transport, receive, possess, sell, distribute, or purchase 10,000 or more contraband cigarettes that do not have a state or territorial tax stamp. Violators of the act will face fines and criminal penalties.

"This legislation will provide law enforcement an additional tool to combat tobacco smuggling in American Samoa. According to a 2011 Feasibility Study commissioned by American Samoa Community Cancer Network on a Cigarette Tax Stamp Program in American Samoa, an estimated 5.8 million cigarettes were smuggled into American Samoa in 2010; this represents an estimated revenue loss of over \$724,000 to the American Samoa government." Faleomavaega said.

"Furthermore, the study reported that cigarettes are smuggled into American Samoa by individual travelers, who do not declare cigarettes that are in excess of the amount of tax-free cigarettes allowed for personal use (up to 200 per trip) and also by boats that evade Customs inspections. Contraband cigarettes are also obtained when a purchaser buys them at the Post Exchange (PX) in Tafuna and sold to local merchants who in turn resell them to members of the public. The purchase of cigarettes at a PX is only legal when they are purchased for personal consumption and not for resale."

"Besides depriving American Samoa of much needed tax revenues, cigarette smuggling contributes to a growing health crisis on our island. There are many health risks associated with cigarette smoking. Smoking causes many different types of cancer such lung, pancreatic, bladder, kidney and throat cancer. Smoking also causes coronary heart disease and is a factor in sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "The adverse health effects from cigarette smoking cause an estimated 443,000 deaths or nearly one of every five deaths, each year in the United States. Additionally, tobacco related ill-

nesses cost nearly \$100 billion in health care costs each year in the United States."

"Currently, on the federal level there are only civil penalties that can be enforced on smugglers in American Samoa pursuant to the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act (the PACT Act). The PACT Act only applies to internet and mail order cigarette smuggling and it only imposes civil penalties while the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act imposes criminal penalties."

"As cigarette smuggling continues in American Samoa, the Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2012 will help local authorities combat the growing cigarette smuggling in our territory," Faleomavaega concluded.

LAUREN EVANS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lauren Evans for her outstanding service to business development and our community.

Lauren is the President of Pinyon Environmental, Inc., a company dedicated to fair and ethical business practices since it was founded 21 years ago. Lauren is committed to the advancement of the entire team and the business of engineering through mentoring of staff and interns. Since 2009, Pinyon has been honored as a Top 100 Woman-Owned business in Colorado by ColoradoBiz Magazine.

Lauren has an equally generous spirit outside of her business endeavors, and commits herself to many community non-profit organizations. She serves on the Board of Directors for Socially Conscious Coffee and participates with Denver Animal Shelter, Sweat Equity, Water for People and Greenhouse Scholars. Lauren's work ethic and character shows her commitment to promoting the best interests of all.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lauren Evans for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

AIR FORCE CAPTAIN WILLIAM H.
DUBOIS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Air Force Captain William H. DuBois, whose life was tragically lost in support of Operation Inherent Resolve on December 1, 2014.

Captain DuBois grew up in New Castle, Colorado, where he attended Rifle High School. After high school, he studied Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder, later joining the United States Air Force.

As a member of the 77th Fighter Squadron out of Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, Captain DuBois was a specialist aviator in air-to-ground attacks against enemy forces. On

Monday, December 1, 2014, Captain DuBois took off from a U.S. Coalition air base for a combat mission in Operation Inherent Resolve, when his F-16 aircraft began to experience mechanical problems. Captain DuBois attempted to return to the air base and was unable to eject before his airplane crashed.

Captain DuBois was only 30 years old and recently married to his wife Ashley (Jones) DuBois. According to those who knew him, there was rarely a moment when he didn't have a smile on his face, and his selfless and encouraging personality was contagious to anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. The numbers of lives touched by this courageous young man are innumerable and the love and memories he shared with his friends and family will live on through them.

The death of Captain DuBois is an unfortunate reminder of the dangers our service men and women face every day as they defend our country, as well as of the many sacrifices they make to protect our freedoms and way of life. Captain DuBois served his country with great pride and honor, doing what he had dreamed of since he was a boy. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and squadron.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Captain William H. DuBois. His dedication to our country, and the way he selflessly lived his life, serve as an inspiration to a grateful nation, as well as to the State of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING ROMANIA'S GREAT UNION DAY AND ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, as President of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly and co-Chairman Congressional Romania Caucus, I congratulate Romania on its Great Union Day, celebrating the anniversary of its unification on December 1, 1918, and its 25th anniversary of independence following the fall of communism.

Romania is a stalwart U.S. and NATO ally. Romania and the United States work closely together to confront a host of global challenges, including through our joint efforts to bolster regional defense, halt nuclear proliferation, and increase energy security. For example, the Permanent Forward Operating Site at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base not only enables a vital U.S. forward presence in the region, but also provides essential opportunities for joint training with NATO allies. With the signing of the U.S.-Romania Ballistic Missile Defense Agreement in September 2011, Romania established itself as a key strategic partner in NATO's emerging missile defense capabilities effort. The Missile Defense Interceptor site at Deveselu Air Base near the Bulgarian border will provide missile defense protection to our allies in Europe and the Middle East.

Tragically, ongoing events in Ukraine are unsettling the region and testing the transatlantic alliance. As you know, Russia seeks to once again destabilize much of Eastern Europe and restore influence over territories lost

following the collapse of the Soviet Union. That is why it is critically important for the United States, Romania, and other European allies to continue to work together to strengthen the transatlantic alliance and bolster regional security.

The strategic partnership between the United States and Romania has greatly advanced our common interests in promoting transatlantic and regional security and free market opportunities, and should continue to foster greater economic and cultural exchanges, trade and investment, and social contacts.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating Romania's Great Union Day and its 25th anniversary of independence since the fall of communism.

HONORING ROBERTS TREE FARM

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Indiana's economic engine is driven by Hoosier innovation and entrepreneurship. Our state's small businesses are a source of pride for towns and cities across the state for the high quality goods and services they provide and the jobs they support. One such small business is the Roberts Tree Farm.

Each year, Americans look forward to Christmastime as a season that brings back memories of family and long-held traditions, as well as offering the promise of creating new memories with our loved ones. The look and smell of a freshly-cut pine tree is something I and others will always associate with the holiday season. Every year, hundreds of families around the state rely on Roberts Tree Farm of Seymour, Indiana to help keep these traditions alive.

Located on 25 acres owned by the same family since 1852, Roberts Tree Farm has been in operation for four decades. Working out of an authentic log cabin that originally housed Roberts Grocery Store, Jerry and Libby Roberts offer services that keep customers coming back year after year.

Jerry oversees the planting and maintenance of thousands of trees throughout the year, taking special care to ensure that they grow to become full and healthy. During the farm's business hours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays starting in late November, the Roberts provide much more than just rows of mature trees to choose from. Customers are driven around the grounds on a wagon, provided help in cutting and loading their favorite tree, and even get to enjoy Libby's homemade cookies along with a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider.

Family-owned small businesses are the backbone of Indiana's economy. However, Roberts Tree Farm is about more than just dollars-and-cents: They have helped make the holidays special for one generation after another. I wish the Roberts family—along with all the other holiday themed Hoosier small businesses—all the best, and most importantly, a Merry Christmas!

LESLEY DAHLKEMPER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lesley Dahlkemper for her outstanding service to education and our community.

As the current Vice President of Strategic Engagement and Communications for the Colorado Education Initiative, Lesley has an exemplary passion for public education and has made a huge impact in her field. Her experience spans from the Jefferson County Board of Education to award-winning national reporting for National Public Radio. Lesley brings her experience in public policy, politics and journalism to support the Jefferson County community.

Outside of her professional experience, she provides her time to many non-profits including the Action Center, CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties and Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation. Lesley's leadership has impacted Jefferson County for the better.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lesley Dahlkemper for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JIM ADAMS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and career of Jim Adams. Mr. Adams serves as the Orange County Council Representative for the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council. A longtime resident of Anaheim, Mr. Adams has worked tirelessly to increase work opportunities for local union members. He has represented the Council in negotiations with corporate entities, local governments, schools and college boards, and politicians to ensure workers and their families have a shot at achieving the American dream.

Originally from Cameron, Oklahoma, Mr. Adams came to Los Angeles on a Greyhound bus in 1959 and entered the floor covering trade. He joined Local 1247 in 1962 and was initiated in 1963. Since then, Mr. Adams has worked hard to help the Trades turn jobs and keep a prevailing wage.

After 50 years as a loyal union member, Mr. Adams is set to retire at the end of this year. His retirement is a great loss to the community and the California Trades. I thank him for his service to my constituents and my union colleagues and wish him and his family the best as he enters this new chapter in his life.

HISTORICAL RECORD OF
FALEOMAVEGA'S RESPONSE TO
CLOSURE OF SAMOA PACKING IN
AMERICAN SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information on the closure of Samoa Packing in American Samoa.

[Press Release, May 7, 2009]

FALEOMAVEGA INFORMS GOVERNOR THAT MINIMUM WAGE IS NOT THE REASON FOR SAMOA PACKING RELOCATING TO GEORGIA

Congressman Faleomavega announced today that, in a letter dated May 7, 2009 and in response to Governor Togiola's letter of May 1, he has informed the Governor that minimum wage is not the reason for Samoa Packing relocating to Georgia. The full text of the Congressman's letter, which was copied to the President and Senators, and the Speaker and Representatives, is included below.

"Dear Governor Togiola:

I am writing in response to the recent announcement by Chicken of the Sea/Samoa Packing that it will close operations in American Samoa effective September of this year. I am also writing in response to your letter of May 1, 2009. Enclosed for your information is a copy of my letter of May 7 to Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which explains my position regarding the plant's closure, and my request for his assistance.

While you have suggested that the cannery is leaving due to minimum wage increases, the company has made it clear that minimum wage is only one of many reasons that influenced its decision and, frankly speaking, I believe minimum wage was the least of its reasons, especially considering that the company is relocating to Lyons, Georgia where effective July 24, 2009, minimum wage rates are \$7.25 per hour, compared to American Samoa's current rate of \$4.26 and American Samoa's projected rate of \$4.76 per hour effective July 2009.

That Chicken of the Sea would relocate and immediately pay workers in Georgia double the moneys is not fair to our Samoan workers who spent the last 50 years making Chicken of the Sea one of the most profitable brands of canned tuna in America. It is also not fair that our cannery workers have been paid way below the national average when the vast majority of ASG workers have salaries comparable to national minimum wage standards.

If it is possible to increase salaries of departments by as much as \$10,000, why would ASG leaders not support an increase of 50-cents per hour for private sector tuna cannery workers? Regardless of what your position is about the poorest among us, now is not the time to be pointing fingers. We need to work together to find a solution, and my office has already had discussions with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

Enclosed for your information is a point of contact to assist you with ASG's application for national emergency funds to provide job training for our workers. According to the DOL, the request for this assistance must be made by you, and must originate from the Governor's office. Your staff may contact Adri Jayaratne at jayaratne.adri@dol.gov for further information on how to apply for a national emergency grant. This information may also be accessed at [http://](http://www.doleta.gov/neg/eligibility.cfm)

www.doleta.gov/neg/eligibility.cfm. I will send a letter of support to the U.S. Secretary of Labor prior to the submission of ASG's application.

However, before any action can be taken by Congress or the DOL, I have been informed that ASG will need to provide the DOL and Congress with documentation showing the legal status of our cannery workers. Samoa Packing's current workforce consists of 2,172 active employees of which 274, or 13%, are American Samoans, 87%, or 1,821 workers are Western Samoans, and 3.5%, or 77 employees, are other foreign nationals. The total payroll for all workers for the cannery including benefits annually is approximately \$22-\$23 million.

I have been informed that ASG will have to certify the legal status of our workers at Chicken of the Sea/Samoa Packing before we can expect federal assistance. Even though most of our tuna cannery workers are from Western Samoa, many of them are married to U.S. nationals and U.S. citizens and, for purposes of helping these families, I am hopeful that you will send me the necessary immigration documentation showing that these workers do have legal status so that we may move forward with assisting them.

I am also hopeful that ASG will inform my office of what kind of trust fund is in place for our local workers in the case of unemployment. As you know, after all these years, ASG has chosen not to participate in the federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. Under terms of the UI program, when eligible workers lose their jobs, the UI program may provide them with income support for 6 months based on certain calculations. These unemployment benefits are paid out of a federal trust fund. However, the money for the trust fund comes from taxes States impose on employers.

The State of Hawaii, for example, has protected its workers by taxing employers like Hawaiian Air. The State of Hawaii then sends a portion of those taxes to the federal government to hold in trust for workers who may become unemployed should Hawaiian Air lay off some of its workers. Once a worker is laid off, that worker can apply for unemployment benefits and the federal government will send that worker a check from the trust fund.

When workers in American Samoa get laid off, they are not eligible for UI benefits because ASG has not sent any money to the federal government to hold in trust for our local workers. Since ASG chose not to have the federal government hold money in trust, I am hopeful that ASG has held those funds in trust at the local level from the taxes it has collected from StarKist and Chicken of the Sea so that our workers can seek immediate relief and unemployment checks come September. In the case of layoffs or closures, unemployment compensation should have been at the heart of ASG's lease agreements with the canneries.

If ASG has no local trust fund in place, I would hope that ASG would support my efforts to bring ASG under the federal umbrella. My office has contacted the House Ways and Means Committee and I have every intention of working closely with Chairman Charles Rangel to devise a program that will require ASG to set aside a portion of the taxes it collects either in a local or federal trust fund so that future workers will be protected in the case of layoffs or plant closures. Like every American, our workers deserve protection, and they are entitled to peace of mind in knowing that their local government reserved a portion of taxes for them, in case of their unemployment. Every State plus Puerto Rico, DC, and the Virgin Islands provide their workers with this kind of safety net, and Guam established a modi-

fied program. It is time for ASG to follow suit, if it has not done so already.

While I am seeking a \$20 million emergency set aside in the supplemental appropriations bill, and while I will also ask to increase operations and CIP funding for ASG, I am not sure how successful federal efforts might be, especially given our tuna canneries were recently provided with a \$33 million federal income tax break at a time when the United States is faced with an unprecedented financial crisis. Prior to this extension, each cannery received over \$5 million per year in federal tax breaks for almost 20 years, which equates to well over \$200 million, not to mention the tax breaks they got for the 20 or so years preceding this.

Also, in 1999, at cost of \$600,000 from the U.S. Congress, a U.S. Department of the Interior Secretarial Commission was established to examine American Samoa's economic condition and make recommendations to ASG and the Department of the Interior on how to diversify and expand American Samoa's economy. This was the first time in American Samoa's 100-year relationship with the United States that a Secretarial Commission was established.

This Secretarial Commission was supported by Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, chaired by the former Governor of Hawaii John Waihee, and administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior. You served as a commission member. I served as an ex officio member.

In conjunction with the people of American Samoa, the Commission, over about a two-year time period, developed an economic plan which offered specific recommendations on how to diversify the Territory's local economy based on the will of the people. In fact, over 8,000 people were surveyed at the request of the Commission by the American Samoa Community College. In April 2002, the Secretarial Commission issued its final report. To date, the U.S. Department of the Interior has failed to move forward on this plan and I must say our local government officials also have not acted.

I will continue to update you regarding my efforts at the federal level, and I look forward to working with you and the Pono to discuss possible options and new steps forward.

The Congressman concluded his letter by stating, "Next week, I will be meeting with Bumble Bee's top executive, Mr. Chris Lischewski, and I will keep you apprised of his insights and interests in American Samoa. Until then, I continue to wish you the very best."

[Press Release, June 19, 2009]

FALEOMAVEGA CALLS FOR COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION

Congressman Faleomavega announced today that he is calling for cooperation not confrontation in response to Samoa Packing's closing.

"At a time when our Territory is faced with the challenges caused by the collapse of the global economy which has also impacted our local businesses, including Samoa Packing, I believe it is very important for our leaders to pull together and do what is right for our people, rather than waste time engaged in personal attacks. For this reason, I will not respond to the negative comments being made on radio and in the press, but I will continue to provide information which is important for the public to know."

"First and foremost, since the day Chicken of the Sea announced it would be closing its operations, my office has been aggressively working to find solutions at the federal level that would complement local efforts. In fact, it was my office, not ASG, that first contacted the U.S. Department of Labor on behalf of our cannery workers to make sure

they could be provided with a stipend and an opportunity to be re-trained or to attend ASCC."

"In a letter dated May 7, 2009, I informed the Governor of this opportunity and stated that national emergency grant (NEG) funds would be made available if he would submit the necessary application. I also provided the Governor with names and email addresses of contacts at the U.S. Department of Labor who could assist him in this effort."

"On May 7, I wrote to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to make him aware of our situation and request his support. On May 8, I wrote to Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Chairman David Obey of the House Committee on Appropriations, requesting \$20 million in emergency aid which they were unable to provide in the supplemental, although I am hopeful that they will be able to set aside some funds at a later date."

"On May 14, I held a meeting in my office with officials from the Employment Training Agency at the U.S. Department of Labor, and followed up with a letter on the same day personally thanking Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis for working closely with my office since May 7, 2009 to find real solutions for American Samoa's cannery workers. In a letter dated June 10, 2009 and received in my office on June 17, the DOL thanked me for my letter and stated the following: 'The DOL's San Francisco Regional Office has been providing technical assistance to American Samoa on how to submit a NEG application; however, American Samoa has not submitted a NEG application as of yet.'"

The DOL also stated: 'I can assure you than once the application is submitted, it will be afforded every consideration, and your office and the Governor will be notified as soon as a decision has been made.'

"Regarding the minimum wage issue, it was my office that contacted Chairman Miller and asked for a delay in minimum wage increases, and it was my office that informed Senator Inouye that Chairman Miller and Chairman Kennedy had agreed to my request for the delay of the fourth increase until their Committees have a chance to review the GAO report due in April 2010."

"Unfortunately, the Governor issued a press release last week stating that Congress was not supportive of the delay, and both Chairman Miller and Senator Kennedy's staff went on record to state that this was not true. Both Chairman Miller and Chairman Kennedy are supportive of a delay and Senator Inouye's office informed my office that he will be working to include our language in the FY2010 Appropriations bill."

"Also, as a matter of fact, I opposed automatic increases in minimum wage and from the outset have been united with ASG officials in calling for an end to automatic increases."

"Finally, while I do not know what ASG is doing to keep StarKist in American Samoa or to buy back the cannery from Samoa Packing at a nominal fee in order to attract other investors to set up tuna canning operations, my office has been in discussions with StarKist, Bumble Bee, Taiwan, China, and the Philippines, and I have every intention of continuing discussions until we find a solution to provide employment for our workers."

"While it would have been best if ASG had prepared for this day and diversified its economy and acted on the recommendations of the American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission some seven years ago, what matters most is how ASG now responds to Samoa Packing's departure."

"This is why my door will continue to remain open to the Governor and our Fono leaders, no matter what, and this is why I

will also clarify the record every step of the way. In response to the Governor's most recent statements to the press, he stated that I said I was not aware that he was in Washington. To be clear, what I said was that I was unaware of who the Governor was meeting with while he was in Washington."

"As a matter of record, it was Senator Inouye, not the Governor, who informed me that the two had met. The only information I received from the Governor was through his consultant who left a voicemail with my staff stating that if I wanted to meet with the Governor, to call and let her know. My office returned the call and set up a time to meet with the Governor at which time I invited Chairman Miller's senior staff and Nik Pula of the OIA to meet with us, and I thought we had an excellent meeting in my office."

"Hopefully, we will continue to move forward in a positive manner and, with the support and prayers of our people, I remain optimistic that American Samoa will come through this stronger and better than before."

"As a final point, I also want to correct the record regarding Bumble Bee. Up until November of last year, Bumble Bee was Canadian owned until the U.S. management team partnered with U.S. Centre Partners to buy the company and take it private," Faleomavaega concluded.

ALZHEIMER'S

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from California, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, for the time, and I congratulate him for organizing this evening's Special Order Hour on Alzheimer's Disease.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, I know how devastating this disease can be on patients, families, and caregivers. The Task Force works on a bipartisan basis to increase awareness of Alzheimer's, strengthen the federal commitment to improving the lives of those affected by the disease, and assist the caregivers who provide their needed support.

Alzheimer's disease in the U.S. is at crisis proportions. As our population ages, the number of persons affected by this brain disorder are expected to triple by 2050. The costs associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia are also growing at an unsustainable rate. A recent RAND study of adults ages 70 and older found that the total economic cost of dementia in 2010 was estimated to be \$109 billion for direct care alone. That is higher than the cost of both heart disease and cancer. Furthermore, the economic cost of dementia rises to \$159 billion to \$215 billion when the cost of informal care is included.

In the U.S., someone develops Alzheimer's every 67 seconds. According to recent data, women have a 1 in 6 estimated lifetime risk of developing the disease at age 65, while the risk for men is nearly 1 in 11. The Alzheimer's Association estimates as many as 16 million Americans over age 65 could suffer from Alzheimer's by 2050. It is now the fifth leading cause of death in my home state of California.

Alzheimer's has a devastating impact upon families. Right now nearly 15 million people,

mostly family members, provide unpaid care for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia, a market value of more than \$220.2 billion. In California alone, about 1.5 million unpaid caregivers grapple with the tremendous challenges of Alzheimer's disease or dementia every day. Caregivers include spouses, children, and even grandchildren. As compared to caregivers for other diseases, Alzheimer's caregivers disproportionately report being forced to miss work, reduce work hours, quit their jobs, or change jobs due to caregiving demands. They are more likely to experience financial hardship, report health difficulties, experience emotional stress and suffer from sleep disturbance.

The bipartisan supported National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease calls for a cure or an effective treatment for Alzheimer's by 2025. In an effort to meet this goal, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education approved a budget for fiscal year 2015 that calls for an additional \$100 million in funding for the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to expand Alzheimer's disease research. NIA, along with other institutes at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), are supporting a number of promising Alzheimer's disease research projects, including cutting-edge "prevention" trials that are studying whether or not the disease can be prevented or slowed substantially by administering treatments earlier in the disease process.

I am urging the leaders of the House Appropriations Committee to include at least the additional \$100 million for the NIA in the final budget package for FY 2015. This modest increase in Alzheimer's research funding will provide vital resources to support meritorious Alzheimer's disease research projects. This action will also demonstrate further resolve in support of our national priority of eradicating this insidious brain disorder.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education also included language directing NIH to submit a professional judgment budget for Alzheimer's disease research. As a cosponsor of the Alzheimer's Accountability Act (H.R. 4351), I believe that unfiltered information specifying the resources necessary to meet the goals and objectives laid out in the National Plan would provide Congress with a valuable tool for setting research and service priorities.

I also plan to urge the President to include robust funding for Alzheimer's research and caregiver support services in his fiscal year 2016 budget, which the President will be submitting to Congress early next year. Increased funding for Alzheimer's programs will allow us to meet these challenges head on and enhance our chances of meeting the goals articulated in the National Plan.

As we continue to search for a cure, our nation is at a critical crossroads that requires decisive action to assure the safety and welfare of the millions of Americans with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Together, let us commit to take every possible action to improve treatments for Alzheimer's patients, support caregivers, and invest in research to find a cure for this disease.

Once again, I thank my colleague from California for organizing tonight's Special Order.

ELEVATIONS CREDIT UNION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elevations Credit Union as a recipient of the 2014 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. This award is the nation's highest Presidential honor recognizing excellence in innovation, improvement, and visionary leadership.

Elevations, based in Boulder, Colorado, is one of only four organizations in the U.S. to receive the honor this year. Even more impressive, Elevations is the first credit union ever to win this prestigious award.

Established in 1952, Elevations is one of the largest and most successful credit unions providing a wide range of exceptional financial products and services. Along with banking services, Elevations connects with its community by providing grants and giving programs, supporting educational opportunities, delivering affordable housing in the Colorado area, and protecting the environment. Since 1999, they have been recognized as one of Boulder County's top financial institution, underscoring their commitment to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Elevations Credit Union for their accomplishment as a 2014 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient and commend them for their dedication to providing extraordinary services to Colorado.

RECOGNIZING OSAN CITY'S EFFORTS TO HONOR THE U.S. SOLDIERS OF TASK FORCE SMITH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the continuous efforts of The City of Osan in South Korea, to honor the men of Task Force Smith, the first American unit to engage North Korean troops in July of 1950, following the immediate outbreak of the Korean War on June 25, 1950. As an artillery operations specialist in the all-black 503rd Field Artillery Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Division, I arrived in Pusan, South Korea, in August of 1950, shortly after Task Force Smith valiantly held back the North Korean assault and made it possible for my unit to eventually begin moving north as the U.N. Forces advanced deep into North Korea.

The City of Osan, Kyung-gi Province and the Korean Government, with the help of former U.S. Congressman Jay Kim, are planning to construct a memorial park at the site of the Battle of Osan to honor the troops of Task Force Smith and all the other forces from the participating U.N. nations that fought to protect South Korea from the communist invasion.

The Task Force Smith Memorial Park will encompass some twelve acres along the road where a hastily organized force of 540 Americans dug in on July 5, 1950 to slow the advance by a larger, better equipped force of North Korean tanks and infantry. Some 181

Task Force members were killed, wounded, taken prisoner or counted missing in action, but they were able to delay the North Korean advance while other U.S. and Korean units prepared defensive positions. The Memorial Park will include walking paths, historical markers, statues, pavilions and 540 pine trees, one planted for each of the soldiers of Task Force Smith.

This past July 3, former Congressman Jay Kim, his wife, Jennifer Ahn, along with four Task Force Smith veterans and their family members traveled to Korea to participate in the 59th annual ceremony to commemorate the U.N. Forces First Battle Memorial. Those in attendance were: John H Sanchez (52nd) from Waukesha, WI, William C Coe (B co) from Cohoes, NY and daughter Suann M. Ingle, Norman Matthews (C co) from Dexter, MN and his wife Lindy Matthews, Charles Fronapfel (MED co, POW) from Lakewood, CO and son Lee Charles Fronapfel, and Lisa Gay Sholl in honor of her father, Norman Fosness (B co) of Fargo, ND.

According to Osan City, the museum was built in 2013 to remember and honor the brave soldiers of Task Force Smith. Now they want to expand and include a memorial park to provide a place for Korean children to learn and carry forward this special memory and a special appreciation of the friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea.

Osan is an especially important place to remember the sacrifice and dedication of our American troops. At this site some 540 young Americans, ill-prepared and ill-equipped, were thrown into battle against tremendous odds on behalf of a people and a nation they barely knew.

The relationship between our two countries is a precious one that will continue to grow. It is amazing that after all these decades, Korea and the Korean people have never stopped thanking us. Korea will always have a place in my heart as it does in the hearts of all U.S. veterans who have served then and those who serve now.

HONORING NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the National Academy of Engineering.

The NAE was founded in 1964 and immediately made its mark. It was soon advising NASA how to organize the design and operation of the Space Shuttle, where the NAE provided guidelines for technology and operations that help launch the craft into space.

The NAE's record of accomplishments continued in the 1970s. In a study commissioned by the Port Authority of New York, the NAE came up with some of the first solutions for airport noise, which continue to benefit all of us even to this day.

In 1973, the NAE helped warn us of the effects of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

In 1974, the Academy provided us with some of the first important scholarship on the adverse health effects of air pollution, and the

costs and benefits of controlling auto emissions.

In the years and decades that followed, the National Academy of Engineering continued to pioneer new solutions to some of our nation's most pressing problems. Nothing highlights this better than the instrumental role NAE played in drafting the landmark report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*. This 2007 report described a nation at risk of falling behind our competitors: not educating our children in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; not inventing at the same pace as other nations; and not producing new jobs in high-technology fields. The report was a call to action, and while its vision still needs to be fulfilled, it captured the attention of scientists, economists, think tank experts, government officials, and lawmakers. Led by Norm Augustine, the Chair of the NAE Council, the message of that report remains a compelling call for Congress to recognize how science and engineering can move us toward economic security.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to join me in celebrating the National Academy of Engineering, its accomplishments, and to congratulate them on 50 years of service to the nation.

PASSING OF MAYOR MARION BARRY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Mayor Marion Barry, and my heart and prayers go out to his family, friends, and to the entire city of Washington, D.C.

Mayor Barry was truly Washington's "Mayor for Life." He devoted his life to social justice and equality and bettering the lives of Washington D.C.'s residents.

I had the honor of knowing and working with Mayor Barry for many years, as a Member of Congress and as a congressional staffer for Congressman Ron Dellums.

Mayor Barry was born in Itta Bena, Mississippi and would go on to be the first chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

As SNCC Chairman, he played a critical role in organizing the grassroots efforts that would make the Civil Rights Movement a success.

Later, as a Councilman and Mayor of Washington, D.C., he continued to be a tireless champion for equality and justice.

Mayor Barry will be greatly missed by all and his absence will be felt by many here in Washington, D.C.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY ON PASSAGE OF MINIMUM WAGE DELAY AFFECTING AMERICAN SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information about the passage of a minimum wage delay in 2010 affecting American Samoa.

[Press Release, Sep. 27, 2010]

FALEOMAVAEGA THANKS SENATOR DEMINT FOR ALLOWING MINIMUM WAGE DELAY TO MOVE FORWARD BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that he is thanking U.S. Senator Jim DeMint for agreeing to allow H.R. 3940, which includes minimum wage delays for American Samoa and CNMI, to move forward by Unanimous Consent (UC).

H.R. 3940 was originally introduced in the House by Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo and cosponsored by the Delegates to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States. It was modified in the Senate to include language to delay minimum wage increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"As I explained in my press release of August 6, 2010, H.R. 3940 was modified and hot-lined in the Senate. The hot-lining process is an informal term to describe the procedure whereby the Leaders inform Senators of their respective party caucus about changes to the floor schedule and/or proposed business. Part of the hotline is also to inform Senators of any unanimous consent (UC) requests the Leaders intend to eventually make on the floor. It is a way of clearing legislation by all Senators so that it can actually move to the floor and be called up, read for a third time, and passed by UC."

"H.R. 3940 cleared the hot-line process for the Democrats. But, the Republicans did not have time to review the bill before Congress went out of session for the August recess. When Congress returned in September, a hold was placed on H.R. 3940 by two Republican Senators. One Republican lifted his hold and the other, U.S. Senator Jim DeMint of S.C., kept his hold in place."

"Since September 20, 2010, my office has been in direct contact with Senator DeMint's office and by the early morning of Tuesday, September 21, 2010, Senator DeMint's office informed my office that they'd be happy to let our minimum wage provision pass separately," Faleomavaega said. "I did not announce this publicly because Senator DeMint's office informed my office that the Guam provisions were a non-starter for them and, in fairness to Ms. Bordallo, I wanted to give her every opportunity to work out her provisions without bringing media attention to the issue."

"Given the sensitivities surrounding the minimum wage issue for both Republicans and Democrats, I also did not want to jeopardize the outcome for American Samoa. In fairness to Senator DeMint, he also has every reason to seek federal minimum wage delays in South Carolina because he represents rural communities that are also struggling to survive. But I am deeply appreciative that he stood by American Samoa in our time of need and he has my personal assurances that I will stand with the people of South Carolina should he ever need my help and if I'm ever in a position to help him."

"I also want to personally thank Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and Senator Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member. As a result of their leadership and commitment to this process, they have hopefully given the American Samoa Government the time it needs to put together a plan of action to diversify its economy."

"Finally, I thank Governor Togiola for his attempts to help. Although Senator DeMint had already informed my office that he would let the minimum wage provisions pass separately, I know Governor Togiola had his

heart in the right place by also reaching out to Senator DeMint."

"Tomorrow, H.R. 3940 will be hot-lined again and, hopefully, this time we will clear all holds and delay the next scheduled increases by September 30, 2010. While I have mixed emotions about this because I want our workers to continue to be paid fair wages, I am thankful that our workers have received a \$1.50 per hour increase since minimum wage increases were mandated in 2007. As our economy stabilizes and ASG diversifies, I am hopeful that we will revisit this issue in 2012."

"Again, I thank all those who have been involved and I am also pleased that Congresswoman Bordallo was able to work the compromises she needed for Guam. She and Senator DeMint's office reached their agreement this evening and Senator DeMint informed our offices accordingly. This is why we are able to now speak publicly and inform our constituencies that Senator DeMint has now released his hold and is allowing H.R. 3940, as revised, to move forward by U.C."

However, we still must clear the hot-line process again but I remain hopeful that this will happen before September 30, 2010," Faleomavaega concluded.

[Press Release, Sep. 28, 2010]

SENATE PASSES MINIMUM WAGE DELAY BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that he is thanking U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC), Senator Tom Coburn (R-SC), Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) for the support and assistance they provided his office in passing H.R. 3940 which includes a Sense of Congress regarding political status education in Guam and language to delay minimum wage increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) until such time as these economies can be stabilized.

The language delays minimum wage in American Samoa in 2010 and 2011, and in CNMI in 2011. "Because H.R. 3940 was modified by the Senate, it must now come back to the House for consideration and final passage, hopefully by voice vote," Faleomavaega said.

"By way of separate letters, both Congressman Sablan and I have made our House leadership aware of this legislation and have asked for Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer, Chairman Miller of the Education and Labor Committee, and Chairman Rahall of the Natural Resources Committee to schedule action on H.R. 3940 before Congress adjourns and before the next scheduled minimum wage increase is due to go into effect in American Samoa on September 30, 2010."

"Successfully passing this legislation in the Senate has been a long and difficult journey with many twists and turns along the way and it took the cooperation of both parties to get this done. Senator DeMint and Senator Coburn both expressed concerns and placed holds because they, too, have legitimate concerns about the economies of their districts and, in fairness, also want to seek minimum wage delays in the rural communities that they represent."

"I fully understand their concerns and my heart is also with their people. Both Senators have my assurance that I will help them in any way I can, now or later, if I am ever in a position to do so. Since September 20, 2010, my office has been in direct contact with Senator DeMint's office explaining American Samoa's unique situation. By Tuesday morning, September 21, 2010, Senator DeMint's office informed my office that they'd be happy to let our minimum wage

provision pass separately. However, because Senator DeMint's office informed my office that the Guam provision was a non-starter for them, I did not announce Senator DeMint's decision at that time. In fairness to Ms. Bordallo, I wanted to give her every opportunity to work out her provisions without bringing media attention to the issue."

"Yesterday, Senator DeMint and Guam worked out their differences and last night I issued a release publicly thanking Senator DeMint for releasing his hold. Today, Senator Coburn placed a hold. After discussions with my office, he agreed to release his hold and I want to thank him and also Senator McCain's office for weighing in on our behalf."

[Press Release, Sep. 29, 2010]

HOUSE PASSES MINIMUM WAGE DELAY FOR AMERICAN SAMOA ON ANNIVERSARY OF TSUNAMI; H.R. 3940 NOW AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that the House overwhelmingly passed by a vote of 386 to 5 the Senate's revised version of H.R. 3940 which includes language to delay minimum wage increases in American Samoa for 2010 and 2011, and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) for 2011. The bill passed the Senate last night by Unanimous Consent (UC) and is now awaiting the President's signature.

"First and foremost, I want to thank the people of American Samoa, especially on this day when we pause to remember those we lost as a result of the massive tsunami that struck our islands last year on this very day," Faleomavaega said. "While I wish I did not have to speak of other matters on this somber occasion, the reality is one day after American Samoa was struck by a tsunami, Chicken of the Sea closed its operations in the Territory, displacing over 2,000 workers whose jobs were outsourced to Thailand where workers are paid \$0.75 cents and less per hour to clean fish."

"Given that more than 74% of American Samoa's private-sector workforce has been almost entirely dependent on the tuna fishing and processing industries for more than 50-years and considering that more than 80% of our private-sector economy has hinged, directly or indirectly, on the operations of only two tuna processors, Chicken of the Sea and StarKist, Chicken of the Sea's closure was devastating, especially in the aftermath of a tsunami from which we have not fully recovered."

"With Chicken of the Sea's closure and increased competition from Thailand, American Samoa's economy has not been able to absorb the rapid minimum wage increases mandated by federal law. While I supported a one-time increase of \$0.50 cents per hour, I urged my colleagues to consider American Samoa's remote location and the single-industry status of our economy before mandating further increases."

"At my request, Congress directed the U.S. Department of Labor to conduct a study regarding the impact of past, present and future minimum wage increases on the economies of American Samoa and CNMI. When the DOL released its report, Congress mandated that a new study be conducted by the GAO. The GAO released its report in April 2010 at which time Congress agreed to take action."

"However, legislation to delay minimum wage has been stalled and I am fully aware that Republicans who represent rural communities face similar challenges as us. But I am deeply appreciative that many Republicans chose to stand with American Samoa in our time of need."

"Because American Samoa does not have a vote on the House floor and has no representation in the Senate, it has always been my

policy to work with both parties in good-faith, and I am grateful that both parties have stood with the people of American Samoa when we needed them most."

"Once more, I thank Senator DeMint of S.C., Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, and Senator John McCain of Arizona who lifted their holds in the Senate and lent their support. Without their support, this legislation would not have moved forward."

"I also thank Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid who made this legislation one of his highest priorities yesterday. As a result of his leadership and once the Republicans cleared their holds, Senator Reid made certain that H.R. 3940 was brought to the Senate floor for UC."

"Today, the House also acted quickly and I thank Majority Leader Steny Hoyer for making this happen. He and his staff got H.R. 3940 placed on the suspensions calendar and supported us every step of the way, and somewhere in the middle of it all, Majority Leader found the time to personally call and let me know he was able to get this done."

"I also want to thank Republican Leader John Boehner who also agreed to place H.R. 3940 on the suspension calendar. In this political climate, Republican Leader Boehner could have opposed and objected, but he did not. Instead, he supported the people of American Samoa, and I am grateful for his support."

"I also want to personally thank Republican Congressman Doc Hastings who serves as the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Ranking Member John Kline of the House Committee on Education and Labor. Both agreed to let H.R. 3940 move to the House Floor, although they had every right to hold it since the bill only arrived late last night from the Senate."

"I also thank Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Congressman Flake and I serve together on the Natural Resources Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Congressman Flake is personally acquainted with the needs of the Territories, and he worked side-by-side with me to see this through, and I appreciate his support and friendship."

"I also thank Speaker Pelosi and Chairman George Miller of the House Committee on Education. Their support was critical. Without them, this legislation would have failed. On behalf of the people of American Samoa, I thank them for their help."

"Finally, I thank Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo and Congresswoman Donna Christensen. They have been with me from the very beginning of this long and difficult journey and their support has been unwavering. They are true friends."

"I appreciate both the House and Senate which have come together to get this done. I have every confidence that President Obama will sign this into law and I hope that the American Samoa Government will now use these delays to begin the serious process of diversifying our economy. I also hope that by 2012 our economy will be able to sustain another increase so that our workers can continue to be paid wages comparable with the increases in the cost of living."

"Again, I thank everyone who has been involved in this process including staff from the Senate and House. Once more, my heart goes out to the victims of last year's tsunami and my prayers are joined with yours," Faleomavaega concluded.

[Press Release, Sep. 30, 2010]

PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS MINIMUM WAGE DELAY INTO LAW

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that President Obama signed H.R. 3940 into law. As a result, minimum wage in-

creases in American Samoa will be delayed for 2010 and 2011. The issue of future increases will be revisited in 2012 based on the findings of a GAO study to be completed by 2011.

"In previous press releases and on behalf of the people of American Samoa, I have publicly thanked Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC), Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK), Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH), Chairman George Miller (D-CA) and Ranking Member John Kline (R-MN) of the House Committee on Education, Chairman Nick Rahall (D-WV) and Ranking Member Doc Hastings (R-WA) of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU), and Congresswoman Donna Christensen (D-VI) for their leadership and support on the successful passage of H.R. 3940," Faleomavaega said. "Without the support of these key leaders, we would not have been able to pass this legislation which is necessary for stabilizing our economy."

"Without the prayers of our people, I also do not believe this legislation would have passed the House or Senate. The Senate passed the bill by Unanimous Consent (UC). The House passed H.R. 3940 by a vote of 386 to 5. The overwhelming support we received from both Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate is a testament to the prayers of our people, and I could not help but note that the final vote took place on the one-year anniversary of the tsunami that claimed the lives of those we loved."

"The final vote was the final vote before Congress went out of session. There is no doubt in my mind that God has heard and answered our prayers."

"At this time, I want to thank House and Senate staff who worked behind the scenes to make this happen including Terry Liernan, Barry Jackson, Steve Stombres, Jody Calemine, Barrett Karr, Todd Young, Anne Thorsen, Al Stayman, Isaac Edwards, Bob Greenawalt, Bret Bernhardt, Marie Blanco, Jim Zoia, Nick Matiella, Clay Lightfoot, Kimberly Wallner, Ed Corrigan, Jed Bullock, Matthew Hermann, John Whitt, Alexis Covey-Brandt, Austin Burnes, Bob Schwalbach, Brian Modeste, Nikki Bullock, Colleen Gilbert, Bonnie Bruce, as well as my personal office staff and many others."

"Finally, I thank President Obama for signing this bill today, and I appreciate the support that Nik Pula, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior, provided in making White House staff aware that the bill was coming over from the U.S. House of Representatives for signature. I also thank Alejandro Perez at the White House for working closely with my office to bring this to the attention of the President so that our deadline for signature would be met."

"Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank StarKist. I especially want to thank Chairman Kim Jae-chul of the Dongwon Group for his patience and support throughout this long and difficult process. As owner of StarKist, he could've moved his operations elsewhere, but he has not, and I thank him for his commitment to the people of American Samoa."

"I also thank and appreciate Mr. Don Binotto, President and CEO of StarKist. I know that Don's heart is with our people and he is proven over and over again that he is doing everything he can to keep StarKist in American Samoa. Mr. Binotto and Chairman Kim have my personal assurances that I will

continue to stand with StarKist and do all I can to level the playing field so that we can maximize and protect the jobs of our local cannery workers who cannot fairly compete against workers that are paid \$.075 cents and less per hour in Thailand."

"Once more, I thank our people, the Governor and also the American Samoa Legislature, and everyone who has been a part of this important effort," Faleomavaega concluded.

IRS PROTECTS FAMOUS DEBTORS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, my chief of staff, Bob Griffiths, received an email from a constituent, Mr. Joe Steuer, regarding Rev. Al Sharpton and his tax debt. I would like for my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to read this email and one of the news stories about Mr. Sharpton, published in the November 19, 2014, edition of the Long Island, New York, newspaper Newsday, that explains his tax situation in more detail.

Mr. Sharpton has a national television program, which gives him more respect than many people feel he deserves. Most people with tax debt would not be given as much leniency as the IRS is giving Sharpton.

From: Joe Steuer

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 11:47 AM

To: Griffiths, Bob

Subject: Al the Elite Sharpton & Taxes

BOB, the tax issue regarding Rev. Al Sharpton strikes a nerve with me personally as a few years ago I was contacted by the IRS. I had not filed or paid taxes for 1 year, an oversight on my part none-the-less I was wrong, admitted my mistake and paid the back taxes, interest and penalties. I did ask the IRS employee at the start of the investigation for consideration as I have never had any issue with the IRS ever. The request for consideration fell on deaf ears.

Thusly, my reaction to high profile individuals like Rev. Sharpton is one of disdain which appears to me to be class warfare, the elites vs. the people.

What efforts are being made to represent the people as well as holding the "elites" to the same standards that the rest of live by?

For your information, I am going to write to MSNBC and ask how they condone this blatant disregard of the law? If I do happen to receive a response I will pass it along to your office.

I do look forward to receiving a response from Congressman Duncan.

JOE STEUER.

[From Newsday, Nov. 19, 2014]

SHARPTON SAYS HE'S WORKING OUT TAX-DEBT ISSUES

(By Anthony M. DeStefano)

The Rev. Al Sharpton, responding to new stories about his tangled finances, acknowledged Wednesday that he and his civil rights organization still owe back taxes and significant penalties but asserted that both were up-to-date in paying their "current" taxes. Seeking to put a positive spin on the issues, Sharpton said he and his National Action Network have worked out installment payment plans to wipe out the tax debt.

Sharpton said that the National Action Network owes about \$400,000 in what were unpaid payroll taxes and an additional

\$400,000 in penalties—down from about \$1.9 million assessed in 2008. But when asked at a news conference what he currently owes in personal back taxes, interest and penalties, Sharpton answered “I don’t know” and indicated he might not say even if he had the numbers on hand.

“We are paying current taxes and my current one [taxes], while keeping up with installments,” Sharpton told reporters at Network headquarters in Harlem.

He said he hoped to reduce the balances further through negotiations. In a story Tuesday, The New York Times reported that Sharpton at one point had more than \$4.5 million in current state and federal tax liens against him and his for-profit business.

Sharpton has two businesses, which the Times said face \$717,329 in tax liens. The story said Sharpton personally faced more than \$3 million in federal tax liens and \$777,657 in state liens.

An IRS spokesman said he could not legally discuss individual taxpayer matters. A spokesman for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance said Wednesday that Sharpton had two current personal state liens totaling \$779,577 and two totaling \$457,968 for one of his private communications firm.

Those balances, including penalties, have actually risen over the years, the spokesman said. For privacy reasons, the spokesman couldn’t discuss any payment plans. Sharpton speculated new stories about his taxes were politically motivated because of his high profile and ties with Mayor Bill de Blasio and President Barack Obama.

“After negotiations in 2009, there was a signed document which worked out a payment plan to pay off those [debts],” said Sharpton, referring to the back federal taxes.

The Network’s 2013 federal charitable organization filing showed the group had income of \$4.9 million in contributions and grants against \$5.1 million in expenses. Sharpton was paid a salary of \$241,545.

ERIK WEIHENMAYER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erik Weihenmayer for receiving the 2014 City of Golden Mayor’s Award of Excellence.

The City of Golden honors Erik for his inspirational pursuit of climbing, running, skiing, cycling, and kayaking challenges all over the world. Known for being the only blind man to climb Mount Everest, Erik co-founded an organization called No Barriers USA, whose mission is to encourage people to conquer barriers in their own lives. While in Golden, he dedicates his time to encouraging the community to live a No Barriers Life, giving speeches at Golden High School, the Mountaineering Center, Bent Gate Mountaineering, and the Buffalo Rose. He also donates his time to lead physically-challenged and underprivileged groups on outings.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Erik Weihenmayer for this well-deserved recognition by the City of Golden.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. AARON SHIRLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Aaron Shirley, a public health visionary and trailblazer in the medical profession, who dedicated his life to bringing medical services to underserved rural and urban communities in Mississippi. Not only was he great for his medical acumen and creativity in conceiving unique and innovative service delivery methods but also for his commitment to the cause of equality and civil rights.

Born in Gluckstadt, MS, Dr. Shirley eventually moved with his family to Jackson, MS, where he graduated from Lanier High School. In 1955, Dr. Shirley graduated from Tougaloo College and then received a scholarship to attend Meharry Medical School in Nashville, TN. After he graduated from Meharry in 1959, he moved back to Mississippi to begin a general practice. During this time, he held on to a desire to practice pediatric medicine. In Mississippi, in 1960, this type of specialization seemed an impossibility. Still, Dr. Shirley forged ahead, gaining valuable experience practicing family medicine.

In 1965, Dr. Shirley was invited into the pediatric residency program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. There, he became the first Black pediatrician in Mississippi and the first Black resident trained at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Shirley often related a story of being advised by one of his mentors to be prepared for white people to not want him to touch their kids. However, he quickly saw that this was never the case. He saw that when people are in need of medical attention or need help for their kids, the divides of race, color, or ideology simply evaporate. This realization made him understand that there are often bridges between individuals and communities, and from that point on, Dr. Shirley was consistently effective at building bridges across communities.

With this knack for building bridges, and a brilliant mind that eventually led to him receiving a MacArthur ‘Genius Award’ Fellowship, Dr. Shirley embarked on a mission to help communities that had very little access to the medical care that they badly needed.

In 1970, Dr. Shirley helped to establish the Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center which has since become the largest provider of primary health care services to the poor, uninsured and underserved population in central Mississippi. Additionally, he created a comprehensive school-based clinic addressing myriad community health issues including, drug abuse, mental health issues, and teen violence. Both the health center and the clinical program have become models for similar programs across the country.

Dr. Shirley was a visionary. He saw solutions where some people had not even recognized that a problem existed. This was the case with the Jackson Medical Mall—a one stop shop for medical services and treatment. Where most people looked at the dilapidated Jackson Mall building and saw an eyesore, Dr. Shirley saw an opportunity, and in 1997, after

much hard work to get stakeholders to buy into the idea, he helped establish the Jackson Medical Mall facility which has subsequently become one of America’s most unique and important community health ventures.

Dr. Shirley was committed to achieving quality outcomes and access to medical care. To that end, he looked to a medical system that seemed very effective in Iran—using community health workers in ‘health houses’ to provide certain services, especially in rural places.

He saw these health houses as a way of bridging the gap and providing a network, through the community health worker, to assure that the patient receives the best and most complete care. With this concept in mind, in 2010, he founded the HealthConnect program that helps prevent unnecessary emergency room visits by sending physicians and nurses directly into the homes of people in underserved communities.

Aaron Shirley’s legacy is well-established in this country. Dr. Shirley challenged the system to provide services to the less fortunate and became a tireless advocate for civil and human rights. He provided immeasurable guidance to me during my entire tenure in elective office, making me personally indebted to him. Dr. Shirley’s impact on our community cannot be overstated and his accomplishments will benefit generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Dr. Aaron Shirley, a visionary in American medicine, trailblazer for rural and underserved communities, and dedicated community leader.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
MAYOR MARION BARRY, JR.

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am expressing condolences and commemoration for the life of Mayor Marion Barry, Jr.

In addition, I submit the following:

Whereas, Marion Barry, Jr. was an American activist and politician who served three terms as the Mayor of Washington, District of Columbia, and

Whereas, Mayor Barry served on the Council of the District of Columbia as an at-large member and subsequently in Ward 8, and

Whereas, Mayor Barry was involved in the African-American civil rights movement as a member of the Nashville Student Movement sit-ins and as the first chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and

Whereas, Mayor Barry gave more than 100,000 young people summer jobs and served as a catalyst for thousands of jobs for minorities, and

Whereas, he fought constantly and tirelessly for Home Rule and democracy for the District, and

Whereas, he increased senior citizen involvement and support of their programs, and Whereas, he worked closely with business leaders to bring increased commerce and recognition to “America’s First City”, and

Whereas, he showed the District of Columbia and the world what resilience and perseverance truly looks like by providing an example of inspiration and hope that a person who falls can indeed rise again, and

Whereas, Mayor Barry was one of the most influential, impactful and savvy local politician of his generation, and will be greatly missed by the community he selflessly dedicated his life to improving, now

Therefore, be it resolved that on behalf of the 5th Congressional District of Florida, I extend my sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Mayor Marion Barry, Jr., and I wish you God's peace that surpasses all understanding as you take comfort in knowing that he fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MERWIN CEO
OF MILLS-PENINSULA HEALTH
SERVICES ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplished career of a distinguished Californian, Mr. Robert Merwin of San Mateo County, who is retiring at the end of 2014 from his position as Chief Executive Officer of Mills-Peninsula Health Services, a post he has held since January, 1996.

A resident of Menlo Park, California, Bob Merwin is a 1971 graduate of the United States International University, and earned his M.B.A. from UCLA in 1973. He began his career in hospital management in 1973 as Assistant Executive Director of the Long Beach Community Hospital. He progressed up the corporate ladder at Long Beach and other facilities, coming to Mills-Peninsula in 1987 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer.

Bob Merwin serves his community as a member of the San Mateo Rotary Club, the American College of Health Care Executives, and as Chair of the West Bay Hospital Conference, San Mateo Section, and Chair of the Hospital Consortium of San Mateo County. He is a past director of the American Red Cross Bay Area and a member of the Finance Committee of the Health Plan of San Mateo.

Mills-Peninsula has thrived under Bob Merwin's leadership. He has improved relations between physicians and management, contained costs while increasing productivity and helped develop a strategic plan for the combined hospitals. Under his leadership a new 241 bed acute care facility, Mills-Peninsula Medical Center was constructed. It is a state-of-the-art, \$640 million, 450,000 square foot facility that is a source of pride to our entire community.

Bob Merwin is married to the former Nancy Madigan and they have two children, Michael and Megan. He enjoys golf, tennis and photography.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Bob Merwin for his stellar career in hospital management and for his extraordinary contributions to our community and our country.

HISTORICAL RECORD ON PASSAGE
OF FALEOMAVAEGA'S LEGISLA-
TION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
OF MILITARY ACADEMY AP-
POINTMENTS FROM AMERICAN
SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, the following information on the passage of legislation to increase the number of military academy appointments from American Samoa.

[Press Release, Nov. 24, 2003]

PRESIDENT SIGNS INTO LAW LEGISLATION
FALEOMAVAEGA INTRODUCED TO INCREASE
THE NUMBER OF MILITARY ACADEMY AP-
POINTMENTS FROM AMERICAN SAMOA

Congressman Faleomavaega announced that President Bush signed into law today the National Defense Authorization Act for FY04 which included language Faleomavaega offered to increase the number of military academy appointments from American Samoa.

On May 7, 2003, the House Subcommittee on Total Force unanimously voted in favor of my amendment to increase the number of military academy appointments from American Samoa to the U.S. Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy, Congressman Faleomavaega said. On May 9, 2003, the Armed Services Committee also agreed to include this language in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2004.

This legislation passed the House on May 22, 2003 and the Senate and the House agreed to the conference report as of November 12, 2004. I am now pleased that President Bush has signed this historic legislation into law. As a result of this new law, American Samoa will be able to send two students to each service academy. Prior to this law being passed, American Samoa was only able to send one student to each academy.

This also means that I will be able to nominate up to twenty students per academy. Each academy scholarship is worth approximately \$250,000 and each service academy is ranked among the top rated educational institutions in the U.S. Given that American Samoa has a population of about 60,000, a per capita income of less than \$4,500 and almost 5,000 men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Services, I am pleased that we may be able to offer more students the opportunity to attend one of our nations prestigious military academies.

At this time, I want to thank my colleagues, both Democratic and Republican, for supporting my initiative to increase American Samoa's academy appointments and, again, I commend President Bush for signing this important legislation into law, the Congressman concluded.

WADSWORTH "LALIE" DICKERSON

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in posthumous recognition of Wadsworth Dickerson, a Friend, Mentor, campaign and personal supporter, who was with me at the

beginning of my political career. He was one of those individuals that could be accurately described as "Larger than Life"! He would enter a room and fill it with a Presence bigger than his person, and begin to talk in that voice that was oh so powerful—even in a whisper. Many memories come to mind of 'that smile' and how he enjoyed a good joke.

He had more than a finger on the pulse of sentiments being felt by the constituency and their concerns that were often not brought to the attention of those seeking public office. His was an absence that was, and still is, greatly and pointedly missed, in every election I have participated in since his untimely demise a decade ago.

Mr. Dickerson was also affectionately known as "Lalie", to those that knew him on a first name or nickname basis. He was born on the island of Antigua to parents that came from the island of St. Kitts. He was the only son that his parents had and those who were brave enough to say it, said that he always got his way and succeeded in getting away with conduct that was never tolerated from his sister siblings or other relatives. This privilege helped to give him stellar and sterling attributes that later on became exemplary characteristics that endeared him to many: a care free, head strong and independent person, with a love for life, adventure and animals, which all started at an early age.

As a young boy, Lalie travelled back and forth from Antigua to St. Croix, until he decided that St. Croix was where he wanted to live and raise a family with his then girlfriend, Cavelle. The island of St. Croix, in the early days of their marriage, provided vast opportunities to young people with talent; and Lalie's carpentry craftsmanship allowed him to make a lot of people very happy when he built cabinets, wall aquariums, mahogany beds and other priceless treasures. This is how he began to establish and maintain close connections with the "grass roots".

Lalie's eulogy credited his love for democracy and politics as coming from his mother and former Congressman Ron de Lugo, my predecessor. He was always a person who enjoyed a good time and an intense political chat. This was another method that enabled him to keep his hand on the pulse and enabled him to know who was who and how they thought and felt on various subjects. Other characteristics that endeared him to many was his ability to be there for others, always ready to lend a helping hand to others less fortunate, or to those that just needed advice. "He was steadfast in whatever he believed in even if it meant he was on the losing side"—which was a very rare event.

Lalie became mesmerized with the beauty of St. Croix so much that he enjoyed hanging out with friends on the waterfront or even just to go to take a sail with a friend. In addition to his carpentry skills, he worked at the Department of Sanitation; the U. S. District Court; the Youth Rehabilitation Center and the Department of Education; where a job injury ended his working career. He was also a Life-long Democrat because his mother told him there could be no other party than the Democratic Party, because it was the Party for poor people. He has also been involved and a member of numerous Democratic Clubs, including the People's Democratic Club and the Democratic Territorial Committee.

I know that many Democrats still deeply miss the presence and unwavering support

from one of our most dedicated party members who also just happened to be the "Conscience" of the Party. Even though he seemed to breathe politics, he also had another passion which was gardening. His green thumb caused his family to always be able to have fresh vegetables and even fruits at times.

Lalie was also a family man, proud of his children; loved his grandchildren and was overjoyed being in the presence of his great-grandchildren. His and Cavelle's home was the center and heartbeat of the family.

As I bring my congressional tenure to closure and reflect on the beginning: the joy, happy memories, the sadness of losing him and appreciation of him and all that he brought to me, my life, family and campaigns; always contributed to making it extremely difficult to think and write about him. It is so easy to be sad in nostalgia but, he would not want us to feel anything but happiness for Life and Opportunity to move on and improve. May he rest in peace.

JOHN WILSON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the distinguished career of John Wilson. His remarkable broadcasting accomplishments and his outstanding work in the Tampa Bay community is worthy of recognition by all.

Mr. Wilson grew up in a small coal-mining town in Virginia. When he was 15, Mr. Wilson started his work in broadcasting as a disc jockey and news reporter for his local television station. After graduating from the Virginia Commonwealth University, Mr. Wilson was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served with the Armed Forces Radio in Panama. He was honored with the Army Commendation Medal for Excellence in Broadcasting for his service.

Mr. Wilson's tremendous career has led him across the country and around the world. Before settling in the Tampa Bay area in 1981, he anchored primetime newscasts in Richmond, Norfolk, Charlotte, and St. Louis. His passion for reporting took him abroad several times to conduct special reports about hard-hitting issues in Normandy, Guantanamo Bay, Saudi Arabia, Haiti, and Moscow. Over his 50 years in broadcasting, Mr. Wilson has been recognized with three Emmy Awards, numerous Associated Press awards, and most recently, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Broadcasters Club of Florida in 2013.

Not only has Mr. Wilson impacted the Tampa Bay area with his excellent journalistic reporting, he has also strengthened our community through his support of nonprofit organizations. Mr. Wilson and his wife of 48 years, Mary K., regularly volunteer by singing and performing for many civic and charitable organizations including The Boys and Girls Clubs, the National Red Cross, St. Anthony's Hospital, and The Junior League of St. Petersburg. Mr. Wilson is also a gifted and popular emcee, narrator, and speaker.

As Mr. Wilson moves towards retirement, he must be particularly proud to have his son, Mark, continue his legacy as the evening

news anchor for WTVT. Mr. Wilson's innumerable achievements are a true reflection of his exceptional success in the broadcasting industry. His insight, professionalism, and support of our community have earned him an unprecedented level of respect that is well deserved. On behalf of the Tampa Bay community that has greatly benefited from his dedicated service, I am honored to congratulate Mr. Wilson on his remarkable career.

HISTORICAL RECORD OF U.S. ARMY RESERVE FACILITY IN AMERICAN SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information about the U.S. Army Reserve Facility in American Samoa.

[Press Release, July 20, 2000]

U.S. ARMY RESERVE GETS APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT \$20 MILLION FACILITY AT TAFUNA AIRPORT

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is ready to release to the American Samoa Government 6.5 acres of land at the Tafuna Airport so that the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) can begin construction of its new \$20 million training facility.

There was considerable amount of time spent on discussions between my office, the FAA and the USAR to work out this deal, and I am just glad that we have resolved it, Faleomavaega said. With this agreement from the FAA, the ASG and USAR can now begin the process to secure the property and enter into detailed lease negotiations.

As it now stands, the FAA has agreed to release the land from Federal obligation and redesignate the property for non-aeronautical purposes. The FAA has also agreed to extend a 55-year lease to USAR. For its part, USAR has agreed to pay fair-market value for the property. Its a win-win for everybody, Faleomavaega said. Prior to this agreement, the airport stood to lose Federal funding if ASG leased the site to USAR at a nominal lease rate. Now that the military has agreed to pay fair-market value, the airport will retain its right to Federal funding and will still receive fair-market rates from USAR. In turn, the military will be able to construct its \$20 million facility on a site that is best-suited to meet the training needs of our troops.

All that's left is for ASG to submit a formal request to the FAA Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region to release the said property, Faleomavaega said. In fact, Mr. Herman C. Bliss, Manager of the FAA Western Division has already been notified to expedite the handling of this FAA request and to coordinate with ASG the preparation and submission of the release. Beyond the details of the lease agreement, Faleomavaega also noted Senator Inouye's involvement in securing funds for construction of the new military facility in American Samoa. Senator Inouye and I have worked on this project for the past five years, Faleomavaega said. I am confident this facility will be both a boon to our economy and a much-needed and welcome operation.

I thank Senator Inouye for his commitment and assistance and I also thank Governor Tauese and his staff for their support in getting this project underway,

Faleomavaega said. I think it's fair to say that we're all looking forward to groundbreaking and to renewed and strengthened relations with the United States Army Reserve.

[Press Release, Feb. 8, 2006]

FALEOMAVAEGA RECOMMENDS THAT NEW ARMY RESERVE CENTER BE NAMED IN HONOR OF THE LATE SFC KONELIO PELE

In response to recent inquiries from the press and public, Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that on January 25, 2006 and also on April 7, 2004 he wrote a letter to Brigadier General John Ma, Commanding General, 9th Regional Readiness Command, in Hawaii recommending that the newly built \$20 million U.S. Army Reserve Center in Tafuna, American Samoa be named in honor of the late Sergeant First Class (SFC) Koneilio Pele. I am pleased that in the January 30, 2006 issue of Samoa News, retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Mapu Jamias announced on behalf of our local Veterans of Foreign Wars that they were also recommending that the new Army Reserve Center be named in honor of SFC Koneilio Pele. I was unaware that our veterans made the same recommendation but I am pleased by this outcome, Congressman Faleomavaega said.

SFC Koneilio Pele was assigned to the Alpha Company, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division based in Hawaii and was deployed in Vietnam under the command of Major General Carpenter. On July 25, 1966, SFC Koneilio Pele was awarded the Silver Star, the third highest medal for valor, for his gallant service in the field of battle during the Vietnam War. SFC Pele served in three wars and was awarded a Bronze medal, two Purple Hearts, and three Combat Infantryman Badges.

On July 25, 1966, the Department of the Army issued General Orders: Number 4997 awarding SFC Koneilio Pele the Silver Star for his actions on May 29, 1966. The citation states: Sergeant First Class Pele distinguished himself on 29 May 1966 while serving as a platoon sergeant securing a landing zone in the Pleiku Province, Republic of Vietnam. When his platoon moved out from the landing zone to render assistance to other elements of the company that were pinned down by a large Viet Cong force, Sergeant First Class Pele repeatedly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire as he maneuvered his platoon. During the course of action, he singlehandedly charged a Viet Cong machine gun emplacement, killed two of the crew members with his rifle, and caused the remaining insurgents to flee. After he covered the evacuation of the dead and wounded, he carried the hostile machine gun and ammunition through the bullet swept area to friendly positions. When he returned to the landing zone, he realized that a wounded member of his platoon had been left behind. Sergeant First Class Pele, with complete disregard for his safety, moved several hundred meters across open terrain, found his fallen comrade, and carried him back to be evacuated. Through his heroic efforts, the Viet Cong were defeated in that area. Sergeant First Class Pele's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

SFC Pele's action is a pure example of personal courage. His unit and the U.S. Army recognized his selfless actions and for this reason he was awarded the Silver Star. It is my understanding that SFC Pele was also recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions but there were problems in processing the paperwork

through the higher command and his recommendation never made it through. I feel that SFC Pele was not awarded the full recognition that he deserved, Congressman Faleomavaega said.

In fact, SFC Pele's combat record reminds me of some 52 recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross Award that were presented to the Japanese-American soldiers who fought in Europe during World War II. There was only one Medal of Honor awarded to the brave Japanese-American soldiers who sacrificed so much during World War II, despite the tremendous amount of bigotry and racism brought against these Japanese-American Citizens.

As I recall, in 1996, Senator Daniel Akaka authored a provision in the Defense Authorization Act mandating a review of the service records of the 52 recipients who received the Distinguished Service Cross. As a result, 19 additional Medals of Honor were awarded to our Japanese-American veterans including Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.

I believe that SFC Pele's record is very similar to that of our Japanese-American veterans and I feel that it is only appropriate to request the Department of Defense to review his actions during the Vietnam War and it is my intention to consult closely with Senator Daniel Akaka on this matter. We will explore all options on how best to reexamine SFC Pele's war record, and see if he should be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

At the same time, I am also recommending that our new Army Reserve Center be named in honor of SFC Pele. SFC Pele lived his life to the fullest and represented all seven values of the United States Army including loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. For his commitment to God and country, for his example to you and me, I am hopeful that the U.S. Army will recognize his distinguished service and name the new Army Reserve Center in his honor, Congressman Faleomavaega concluded.

[Press Release, June 30, 2006]

NEW U.S. ARMY RESERVE CENTER IN AMERICAN SAMOA WILL BE NAMED IN HONOR OF SAMOAN SOLDIERS

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that the new U.S. Army Reserve Center in American Samoa will be named in honor of Sergeant First Class Konelio Pele and Staff Sergeant Frank F. Tiai.

The U.S. Army Reserve Center will be named in honor of the late SFC Konelio Pele who served in three major wars and was awarded the Silver Star, the third highest medal for valor during the Vietnam War. SFC Pele is also a recipient of the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and three Combat Infantryman Badges.

The Maintenance Storage Facility of the Army Reserve Center will be named in honor of the late SSG Frank Tiai, a member of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, who was killed in July 2005 while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Tiai was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals.

Congressman Faleomavaega and the American Samoa Veterans of Foreign Wars both recommended to the U.S. Army that the newly built Army Reserve Center be named after Sergeant First Class Konelio Pele.

I am pleased the U.S. Army accepted our recommendation to name the Army Reserve Center after SFC Konelio Pele in recognition of his distinguished service, said Congressman Faleomavaega. To my knowledge, SFC Pele's Silver Star is the highest award received by any Samoan for courageous valor in the field of battle.

I am also pleased the U.S. Army decided to name the Maintenance Storage Facility after SSG Frank Tiai who as I recall, was the first local reservist from American Samoa to die in the war in Iraq.

Both war heroes have served our country with utmost dedication and honor. They are a great example of the determination and selfless service of our many Samoan sons and daughters who have served or are currently serving in the military today.

The dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2006 at the new Tafuna facility. Congressman Faleomavaega and Governor Togiola are both invited to the ceremonies. At this moment, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the U.S. Army for its commitment to American Samoa. Most of all, I want to thank all Samoans in the military and their families for their sacrifices and service to our country, concluded Faleomavaega.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMTRAMCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the first responders of the Hamtramck Fire Department (HFD) as the community celebrates the department's centennial anniversary. This historic milestone in HFD's history is a testament to the thirty-one brave men of the department and their predecessors, who have made the safety of their community their livelihood.

First responders are a critical part of communities across our nation—dedicated individuals who are putting themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety of our communities. For the HFD, the roots of this deep commitment to its community extend all the way back to 1857, before Hamtramck was even incorporated as a village. It was then that the Hamtramck Spouters first organized and formed the Spouters Company Number Eleven. Forged with a mission of protecting the citizens of Hamtramck and their property, it formally became the Hamtramck Fire Department in 1914, and has diligently dedicated itself to fulfilling its mission.

Like all first responders, the HFD provides support and protection to the residents of its community in their moments of greatest need. This support and protection includes: responding to fire emergencies, preventing fires, mitigating hazardous situations, investigating fire emergencies for potential arson and providing emergency medical services—in 2011, the HFD responded to over 3,000 emergencies.

As the HFD has grown, it has continued to obtain and incorporate new technology, equipment and training, to strengthen its ability to protect the community. All of these resources, along with those of neighboring fire departments in Detroit and Highland Park, were put to the test on August 6, 1984, when the HFD responded to a five-alarm industrial fire. The HFD and the other responding departments were instrumental in containing this fire and preventing its spread to neighboring residences and properties. It serves as a poignant example of the important role of first respond-

ers in protecting the safety of our communities.

For the firefighters of the HFD, their commitment and dedication to their community are principles which motivate their actions, both in their first responders' duties and in the other endeavors they lead to strengthen Hamtramck. These efforts include: raising funds to support breast cancer research, leading community clean-up days and providing the support necessary for Hamtramck to hold Independence Day festivities for its residents.

Mr. Speaker, our first responders deserve our admiration, our respect and our unending gratitude for the incredible responsibility they shoulder on a daily basis. They provide the security and protection that help bind our communities together, both in their official duties and their volunteer endeavors, which are often focused on supporting the members of our communities that are most in-need. It is my honor to congratulate and thank Fire Chief Paul Wilk, the firefighters of the Hamtramck Fire Department and their families who support them, for the incredible impact they have made and continue to make on their community. The centennial of the HFD is a significant milestone in its history and I wish all of its firefighters and their families continued success and safety in their endeavor to protect the residents of Hamtramck.

TED AND FRANI BICKART

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ted and Frani Bickart for receiving the 2014 City of Golden Mayor's Award of Excellence.

The City of Golden honors Ted and Frani Bickart for their service to the Golden community, specifically their support of Golden's culture, civics and students. Ted served as President of the Colorado School of Mines from 1998 to 2000. During that time and after, Ted and Frani devoted themselves to deepening the town-and-gown bond and to enriching Golden's quality of life. Today Ted serves as chair of the Golden Urban Renewal Authority and devotes time to high school and university education issues. Frani has been chair of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra Board and the Symphony International Young Artists Competition, as well as a longtime volunteer for the Foothills Art Center, Golden History Museums, and Golden Fortnightly Club.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ted and Frani Bickart for this well-deserved recognition by the City of Golden.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES ALLEN, A
HERO TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a very important and influential citizen of this Good Nation, Mr. James Allen. Mr. Allen has recently stepped down as Executive

Director and CEO of the Addict Rehabilitation Center (ARC) which began in 1957, at first as a small day program which met in the Manhattan Christian Reform Church. Mr. Allen is an inspiring man who has brought much needed assistance, love, and care to the addicts of our community, taking the steps to bring them back into the folds of society.

Even without his accomplishments in terms of giving back to the world, Mr. Allen's personal story of struggle and growth is enough in itself to merit this tribute. Mr. Allen was himself a heroin addict, and had pushed away his family, friends, and all of his emotions in order to maintain his negative relationship with his drug of choice. After ten years of hopelessness and lack of connection with the world around him, Mr. Allen made the toughest decision addicts are faced with: to get help for his problem. He had the support of his wife, Mary, who pushed him to join a treatment facility in Kentucky. It was there that Allen overcame his previous anger and contempt for religion, and he began to pray to God to help him through his struggle. With an amount of work unimaginable to those who have never dealt with addiction, Allen overcame his dependence on heroin. His journey is an inspiring one, and I am honored to call Mr. Allen my friend.

Yet Mr. Allen's fight did not end here. In addition to facing the daily battles recovered addicts must face throughout their lives, Mr. Allen took the next step to help others dealing with similar struggles. His life crossed paths with that of another dear friend and civil rights leader, the late Reverend Dr. Eugene S. Callender of the Manhattan Christian Reform Church, and he immediately volunteered to assist the Reverend with a church-sponsored narcotics rehabilitation program. Since that day, Mr. Allen has not paused in his goal of helping other addicts change their lives around. As founder of the Addict Rehabilitation Center, he transformed the small church-funded program into a successful, far-reaching organization. Under Allen's loving and committed leadership, ARC has served thousands of people dealing with substance abuse, and the hope he brought to these people's lives will forever remain in their hearts.

HISTORICAL RECORD ON PASSAGE OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND RELATED HEALTHCARE FUNDING IN AMERICAN SAMOA

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information on the passage of the Affordable Care Act and related healthcare funding in American Samoa.

[Press Release, Mar. 25, 2010]

HOUSE PASSES FINAL VERSION OF HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION, INCLUDES INCREASE IN MEDICAID AND HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE FOR AMERICAN SAMOA

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that by a vote of 220-207 the U.S. House of Representatives passed the final version of H.R. 4872, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. The bill now goes to President Obama for signature.

"As a result of this historic legislation, for the next 9 years American Samoa will receive an increase of \$180 million in its total Medicaid spending cap for a total of \$285.5 million," Faleomavaega said. "American Samoa will continue to receive the 5% increase in its Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) that was signed into law by the President this past Tuesday. This means that the American Samoa Government (ASG) will pay 45% of the Medicaid costs while the federal government pays 55%."

"This legislation continues to provide \$1 billion for the Territories to participate in the Health Insurance Exchange program. Each of the Territories will be afforded the option to participate or transfer their allocation to their Medicaid program. In this case, if American Samoa chooses not to participate in the Exchange by 2014, the Territory will receive an additional \$18.75 million for its Medicaid program."

"Between 2004 and 2008, ASG has received an estimated \$106 million in direct and indirect federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As you may know, ASG receives an additional \$23 million per year from the federal government for the operations of its local government. ASG continues to be the only State or Territory that receives federal funding for the operation of its local government and more than \$7 million per year of these operating funds, provided by the Department of Interior, are allocated for LBJ and healthcare in the Territory."

"With the hundreds of millions provided to ASG from the federal government for healthcare in American Samoa, I have every confidence that the Fono, together with the local administration, will work to establish a solid program in place for our residents who deserve affordable quality healthcare under the law."

"Again, I want to thank President Obama and those involved for making health care affordable for all Americans and for working with the Congressional Delegates to make certain that the Territories were included in this historic legislation," Faleomavaega concluded.

[Press Release, Apr. 30, 2012]

FALEOMAVAEGA STANDS WITH DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES TO FIGHT FOR TERRITORY'S MEDICAID FUNDING

Congressman Faleomavaega today announced that he will continue to work with his Democratic colleagues in Congress to ensure that critical funding for American Samoa's Medicaid program is not affected by Republican proposals to significantly reduce federal healthcare funding for the five U.S. Territories.

The Republican proposed cuts to American Samoa's Medicaid program originated in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce which oversees healthcare issues. The legislation, put forward by Republican Chairman Fred Upton, seeks to repeal a provision of Affordable Care Act (ACA) that provided \$6.3 billion in additional funding for Medicaid in the territories from FY 2011 to FY 2019, and increased the territories' Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 50% to 55%. The proposal follows the Republican's own directive in the FY 2013 budget approved by the House last month that required the Energy and Commerce Committee to submit legislation to reduce the deficit by \$96.76 billion over the next decade.

In a letter to Chairman Fred Upton, dated April 20, 2012, Congressman Faleomavaega, along with his colleagues from the U.S. Territories, Pedro Pierluisi (Puerto Rico), Donna Christensen (U.S. Virgin Islands), Madeleine Bordallo (Guam), and Gregorio

"Kilili" Camacho Sablan (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), voiced their strong opposition to the proposed cuts. Another letter to Chairman Upton, dated April 25, 2012, from all Democratic members of the House Natural Resources Committee, led by Ranking Member Edward Markey and including Congressman Faleomavaega, denounced the Republican proposed legislation. Furthermore, Representative Donna Christensen of the U.S. Virgin Islands, a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, offered an amendment to block the Republican proposal in the Committee. But the amendment was defeated on a party-line vote of 30 to 21. The bill passed in Committee on April 25, 2012 and is expected to be considered by the full House in the coming weeks.

"While I understand the need for fiscal reform and the important work we must do in Congress to reduce the deficit, I do not believe that any budget alternative should be taken out on America's most vulnerable populations," Congressman Faleomavaega stated.

"The residents of the five U.S. Territories, numbering more than 4 million, have historically received unequal treatment under the Medicaid program in comparison to the States. For example, some of the country's poorest states receive upwards of 80 percent in their federal matching requirement (FMAP) for Medicaid and do not have a mandated funding cap on their Medicaid program. The Affordable Care Act, passed in 2010 without a single Republican vote, sought to address some of these disparities. While it did not fully close the inequality gap, it did provide a major step forward for the Territories. Out of the \$6.3 billion in additional funding to the Territories, the ACA increased American Samoa's Medicaid funding to a total of \$285.5 million over the nine year period from FY 2011-FY 2019, compared to \$105 million without the legislation."

"The Affordable Care Act was a major step forward for American Samoa and the U.S. Territories, but this Republican bill only seeks to reverse our progress towards equality under the Medicaid program. If this bill were to be enacted, American Samoa's FY 2012 funding cap of approximately \$28 million will revert back to a pre-ACA ceiling of approximately \$10.6 million next year," said Congressman Faleomavaega.

"At this time, I, along with my fellow Territorial delegates will continue to work hard to ensure that this bill does not become law. It is highly unlikely that the Senate will pass or the President will sign into law such a bill that would repeal such important funding for our Territories."

"As stated in our joint Territorial letter to Chairman Upton, this proposal has sent 'a terrible message of exclusion to our constituents' by proposing to cut every single dollar of our new funding under the Affordable Care Act. The President's Administration has offered several alternatives to deficit reduction, and like my Democratic colleagues from the Territories as well as our Territorial governors, I do not believe that taking important funding away from our needy healthcare systems in the Territories is a good solution to the deficit."

"I thank my colleagues for their tireless advocacy on behalf of more than 4 million residents in the U.S. Territories, and I ensure the people of American Samoa that we will continue to fight hard to protect the Territory's Medicaid funding," Faleomavaega concluded.

[Press Release, Jan. 13, 2014]

CONGRESSMAN FALEOMAVAEGA APPLAUDS
CMS DECISION TO INCREASE MEDICAID
FMAP FOR ELIGIBLE TERRITORIES

Congressman Faleomavaega today issued the following statement in response to a decision by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to increase the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for eligible U.S. Territories.

"I am pleased to hear today of CMS' decision to offer each US. Territory the opportunity to receive increases to the federal Medicaid matching rate provided by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). CMS' announcement today provides for each eligible Territory to receive two increases to their FMAP. CMS will send a letter to Medicaid directors in the five U.S. Territories outlining the specific information needed to determine the eligibility of each Territory. According to CMS, one potential increase will be determined by whether a Territory fulfills the requirements for an 'expansion state' matching rate. The other increase will be a temporary (2 year) 2.2 percentage point increase for all expenditures in jurisdictions that do not claim any 'newly eligible' matching funds. CMS has also determined that both increases will be available to Territories that meet the criteria for 'expansion state' designation. CMS will be reaching out to each

Territory similarly to each of the States and the District of Columbia.

"From the outset of negotiations leading up to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, one of the key issues for the U.S. Territories was to increase the FMAP for each Territory. Along with my colleagues from the U.S. Territories, I have continuously voiced American Samoa's desire for state-like treatment in which our FMAP is set according to per capita income to reflect our true ability to share in financing Medicaid services. The ACA increased the Territories' FMAP from 50 to 55 percent federal share. The ACA also gave American Samoa a \$180 million increase in the Territory's Medicaid statutory cap over a nine year period, from 2011 through 2019, lifting the overall cap to \$285.5 million in Medicaid funding. However, while the increase in funding caps were a victory for the Territories, the fact of the matter is, the ability of the Territories to draw down on this additional federal funding is limited because of the required FMAP.

"I thank Secretary Sebelius, Administrator Marilyn Tavenner, and their team for their work and outreach to American Samoa and our fellow Territories. While full parity by statute is still a goal to be realized for the Territories, I am pleased nonetheless that the most recent decision by CMS will provide an opportunity for Territories to receive an increased FMAP, pending eligibility."

HEATHER SCHNEIDER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Heather Schneider for receiving the 2014 City of Golden Mayor's Award of Excellence.

The City of Golden honors Heather for her dedication to supporting and improving the Golden community. She is a Golden native and mother of three young children. In addition to working part-time at an engineering firm, Heather is also a graduate of Leadership Golden, a founding member of the Golden Young Professionals, and an enormous advocate for the Golden School Foundation where she has been instrumental in helping to raise money and awareness for the needs of our public schools through marketing the Golden Gallop.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Heather Schneider for this well-deserved recognition by the City of Golden.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 9

Time to be announced
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending nominations.

TBA

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine Social Security, focusing on if there is a key foundation of economic security working for women.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

To hold hearings to examine campus sexual assault, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development

To hold hearings to examine inequality, opportunity, and the housing market.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

To hold hearings to examine the state of civil and human rights in the United States.

SD-226

DECEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, focusing on the effective enforcement

and the future of derivatives regulation.

SR-328A

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine cybersecurity, focusing on enhancing coordination to protect the financial sector.

SD-538

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on African Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Ebola epidemic, focusing on the keys to success for the international response.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine passenger rail, focusing on investing in our nation's future.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the President's executive action on immigration and the need to pass comprehensive reform.

SD-226

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226